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## Wounded Knee charges

# AIM leaders to appear in Pierre court

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorneys for two American Indian Movement leaders are asking the federal government to be more specific about charges stemming from the occupation of Wounded Knee.

AIM leaders Russell Means and Dennis Banks were to appear Thursday in Pierre before U.S. District Judge Fred Nichol.

The two are under indictment from a federal grand jury in Sioux Falls on charges resulting from their participation in the 71-day confrontation between Indian militants and federal officers at the Pine Ridge Reservation village earlier this year.

A spokesman for the court said attorneys for Means and

Banks were seeking a bill of particulars, and said a hearing would be held on that request.

If granted, the bill would require the government to provide a more detailed account of the charges against the AIM leaders. That would delay the court process for at least a few weeks.

Means and Banks also were to be informed of constitutional rights they might be waiving by having attorneys from the Wounded Knee Legal Offense-Defense Committee represent them, rather than each having lawyers who had not worked with the other defendant before.

Mark Lane and William Kunstler of New York and Kenneth Tilsen of Minneapolis have

been representing Means, 33, Porcupine, S.D. Ramon Roubideaux of Rapid City and Luke McKissack of Los Angeles have been representing Banks, 36, Rapid City, formerly of Minneapolis.

A fugitive warrant has been issued for Banks for allegedly fleeing from arrest on charges stemming from a club-swinging disturbance at the Custer County Courthouse last February.

Means, Vernon Bellecourt of Denver and 12 other AIM members are scheduled to appear Friday in Custer on state charges in connection with that protest.

Their court appearance was to have been last Friday, but the court ruled that Kunstler and Lane could not represent

the Indians because they weren't licensed to practice law in South Dakota.

Means said this week he was filing a complaint with the South Dakota Bar Association against William Janklow, an assistant state attorney general.

Means said Janklow and Circuit Judge J. H. Bottum conspired to bring in local attorneys to replace Wounded Knee legal committee lawyers.

Janklow said he knew nothing of the complaint, but said if Means had a grievance, he was using the proper method to try to resolve it.

"It's about time these people started using the system," Janklow said.

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## McLaughlin area law complaints discussed

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Indian Affairs Commissioner Donald Loudner says if he can't solve complaints from the McLaughlin area, the American Indian Movement will step in.

Loudner met Wednesday with AIM leaders Dennis Banks and Russell Means to discuss complaints about law enforcement in the McLaughlin area, along the North Dakota border on the Standing Rock Reservation.

"I met with about 70 persons from the McLaughlin area earlier in the week," Loudner said. "They had many complaints of harrassment by law enforcement officials, both the city and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"This particular problem is not limited to Indians. More than half the people at the meeting were non-Indian, and they had the same complaints.

"Banks and Means stopped in my office to discuss the situation. They also asked if I could do anything to help the problem up there, because they have been receiving complaints, too."

Banks, in Pierre for a federal court appearance, confirmed the meeting and said AIM had been asked to help.

"We went to the commissioner of Indian affairs for the state to ask if there was some way he could use his office to handle the matter through proper channels," Banks said. "We also wanted to consult with the governor but he was not in the state.

"We told the people if the state cannot help them resolve the problem and check their complaints, the American Indian Movement will do what it can to help them."

Loudner said, "I told the people at the meeting that if they have complaints and are willing to file them, we can begin an investigation of the allegations. But they must be willing to file their grievances. If the state cannot resolve the situation, then AIM will try."

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RESUME OF EVENTS OCCURRING DURING  
THE "OCCUPATION" OF WOUNDED KNEE

February 27

Approximately 200 AIM members and supporters assembled at 1:00 P.M. (MST) in Calico Hall to vote on whether to approve BELLECOURT's aggressive proposal or MEANS' more moderate position. About 50 hardcore activists armed with rifles, shotguns, pistols, clubs and knives were present.

During the evening approximately 200 Indians (160 adult males and 40 women and children) seized the Pine Ridge Trading Post in the town of Wounded Knee and a nearby church. They seized 11 white hostages including a Roman Catholic priest. The Indians burned bridges on the only two roads entering the town and fired at USMS personnel and FBI Agents who have established roadblocks. FBI Agents arrested 17 Indians who tried to escape through the roadblocks with arms and stolen property. Three of the arrestees were released on personal recognizance and the others were held in lieu of \$4,000 and \$5,000 bonds.

Thirty additional USMS personnel were ordered back to Pine Ridge bringing their total number to 77. There were 35 FBI Agents in the area and about 25 BIA security Agents, for a total law enforcement force of about 135.

February 28

RUSSELL MEANS, acting as spokesman, presented a number of AIM demands including request to confer with U.S. Senators FULLBRIGHT, KENNEDY and ABOUREZK.

An AIM leader told UPI that "10 or 12" hostages were being held. AP quoted CAMP as saying the hostages would not be hurt unless authorities who had surrounded the village came too close.

During the day, several shots were exchanged between Federal authorities and Indian snipers, who fired on police roadblocks from vantage points in the surrounding hills. No injuries were reported, although several police and fire vehicles were damaged by rifle fire. Snipers reportedly dug

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numerous foxholes surrounding the buildings and in hills overlooking all approach routes. Low-flying planes carrying press photographers were fired upon.

TRIMBACH meets with CAMP and MEANS at Wounded Knee roadblock.

March 1

1. Indians set up guard op top of Trading Post.
2. South Dakota Senators MC GOVERN and ALBOUREZK meet with AIM leaders in tee-pee.
3. Hostages released, but most choose to stay in Wounded Knee.
4. Pine Ridge home of AARON DESERSA burned.

March 2

1. Four fire fights between Government forces and insurgents.
2. Beef slaughtered during blizzard.
3. Photograph taken of bunker with flag flown upside down.

March 3

1. Several fire fights.

March 4

1. Several APCs received on standby pending negotiations.
2.  spoke to insurgents in Wounded Knee.

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March 5

1. U.S. Marshals agreed to assume responsibility of and maintain all roadblocks except #1.

2. U.S. District Judge agreed to send food and supplies into Wounded Knee and extend time the Indians can leave Wounded Knee to 3/6/73.

3. Hostages were allowed to leave Wounded Knee.

4. AIM rejected Government proposal to leave Wounded Knee and asked for conference with White House or Department of Interior.

5. Government moved in 15 more APCs.

March 7

1. 6:09 A.M. - aircraft landed on the highway a short distance from Wounded Knee.

2. [REDACTED] and GILDERSLEEVE leave Wounded Knee.

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March 8

1. Cease fire agreement.

2. LEONARD CROW DOG applied war paint to insurgents.

3. WARFIELD MILO GOINGS and [REDACTED] wounded.

4. Bridge to Porcupine dynamited.

March 10

1. Both Government and insurgents agreed to withdraw roadblocks.

March 11

1. Postal Inspectors were taken into Wounded Knee at gunpoint by Indians and their handguns taken.

2. Agents confronted by Indians with rifles on road near Wounded Knee after which Indians returned to Wounded Knee.

3. 2:13 P.M. - U-Haul van sighted for which a warrant existed. The FBI pursued the van, SA CURTIS A. FITZGERALD was shot and the van escaped back into Wounded Knee.



4. RUSSELL MEANS announced Wounded Knee as a sovereign state.

March 12

1. Roadblock re-instated.

March 13

1. Roadblocks re-numbered, FBI furnishing personnel for new roadblocks 1, 5 and 6 with one U.S. Marshal as liaison. Remainder manned by U.S. Marshal with one FBI Agent as liaison. U.S. Marshals set up outpost Apple approximately half way between Roadblock 3 and Roadblock 4 on perimeter.

2. Assistant Attorney General HARLINGTON WOOD met with AIM leaders.

March 14

1. Federal Grand Jury indictment - 31 charges of civil disorder, conspiracy, burglary, larceny.

2. Snow storm at Wounded Knee.

March 15

1. Snow storm at Wounded Knee.

March 16

1. Community Hall at Porcupine was seized by insurgents.

March 17

1. 8:00 P.M., all lights turned off in Wounded Knee.

2. Roadblocks 2 and 3 received small arms fire from Wounded Knee.

March 18

1. 2:00 P.M., HARLINGTON WOOD, Assistant Attorney General, RICHARD HELLSTRUM and Chief U.S. Marshal WAYNE COLBURN met with AIM leaders in Wounded Knee.

2. AIM burned Government proposal.

3. [REDACTED] wounded.

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March 22

1. Building behind Episcopal Church burned by Wounded Knee insurgents.

March 23

1. Roadblocks reported 28 head of cattle being rustled into Wounded Knee.

2. ANGELA DAVIS barred from Reservation by BIA Police.

March 24

1. Federal Court Order to allow six cars with food and supplies into Wounded Knee.

2. Massive fire fight.

March 25

1. APCs moved closer to Wounded Knee.

March 26

1. LEO WILCOX discovered in burning car at 8:49 P.M.

2. Oglala Sioux established own Roadblock on Big Foot Trail.

3. U.S. Marshal [REDACTED] wounded in chest during sniper fire.

March 27

1. Cessna 182 landed at 12:41 P.M. at Wounded Knee and departed 12:46 P.M.

March 29

1. Direct radio link with STANLEY HOLDER established in Wounded Knee.

March 31

1. Negotiations resume after 12 day standstill.
2. Government meets with both militant and traditional factions.

April 1

1. Power outage still in Wounded Knee.

April 2

1. Power re-instated in Wounded Knee.

April 5

1. Agreement reached between RUSSELL MEANS and KENT FRIZZELL.
2. MEANS arrested and taken to Washington, D.C.

April 6

1. Peace pact breaks down over issue of when occupiers will lay down arms. MEANS and Traditional Chief TOBY EAGLE BULL testify before House Indian Affairs Subcommittee in Washington.

April 9

1. Assistant Attorney General FRIZZELL meeting with AIM leadership. All negotiations unsuccessful.
2. MEANS delivers ultimatum in Washington, D.C.

April 17

1. Three light aircraft dropped supplies to Wounded Knee.
2. Six Indians wounded in subsequent exchange of gunfire.

April 21

1. Boston Globe reporter THOMAS OLIPHANT, three others, indicted for April 17 airlift.

April 23

1. Eight Indians arrested by U.S. Marshal for interfering with Federal officers.

April 24

1. Indian Roadblock on Big Foot Trail dispersed.

April 25

1. FRANK J. CLEAR died in Rapid City Hospital from wounds received in April 17 battle.

April 27

1. Heavy fire fights with various roadblocks taking fire from snipers.

2. Wounded Knee reported one wounded and one LAWRENCE DEAN LA MONT, dead as a result.

3. Cease fire as per request of Wounded Knee insurgents.

April 28

1. Meeting of AIM leaders with Assistant Attorney General KENT FRIZZELL.

April 29

1. Fire destroys Wounded Knee Trading Post.

April 30

1. Funeral procession for FRANK J. CLEAR halted on Pine Ridge Reservation and several arrested in possession of weapons.

May 2

1. MEANS, four others, indicted on arms/riot charges.

May 4

1. MEANS bond revoked.

2. Government proposed sending White House delegation in exchange for surrender.

May 5

1. Rapid City Community Center raided by FBI on search warrant and 2 1/2 tons of medical supplies, food and camping equipment seized.

May 6

1. Disarmament agreement signed by Government representatives and tribal chiefs at teepee.

2. Funeral services for LAWRENCE DEAN LAMONT, Indian male, killed in 4/27 fire fight, scheduled for inside Wounded Knee.

May 8

1. Seventy day seize of Wounded Knee ends.

2. Implementation of disarmament agreement and the occupation of Wounded Knee, S.D. by Federal personnel took place today.

3. All APCs removed from roadblocks and deployed in the vicinity of the Wounded Knee church.

4. Search of Wounded Knee for evidence by US Marshals and SAs.

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[REDACTED]. Source further stated that the speaking engagement by MEANS would be in retaliation of a speech made on 9/25/73 by JOHNSON HOLY ROCK who spoke at the John Birch Society National Convention at Minneapolis against AIM. HOLY ROCK according to the source is a candidate for the upcoming tribal elections at Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

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CANCELLED GOVERNMENT MEETING AT PIERRE,  
SOUTH DAKOTA, 9/5/73

Source stated that on the morning of 9/25/73 a representative of the White House Staff, LEONARD GARMENT (ph) will meet with Chief FRANK FOOLS CROW, RUSSELL MEANS, AIM Attorneys, and other individuals at Kyle, South Dakota, at Chief FOOL CROW's residence.

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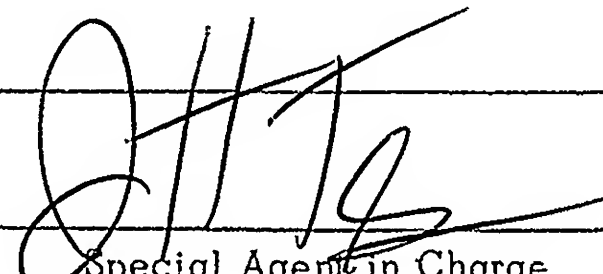
BY COMMUNICATION DATED 10/11/73, USA WILLIAM F. CLAYTON ADVISED THAT AT A DISCOVERY HEARING HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUSSELL MEANS CASE IN PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON 10/5/73, THE COURT ORDERED THE GOVERNMENT TO PRODUCE THE FOLLOWING:

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## Banks, Means say legal assault planned

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders Dennis Banks and Russell Means say government prosecutors are trying to use their court cases to discourage other Indians from fighting for their rights.

Banks, appearing in U.S. District Court in Pierre Wednesday in connection with charges from the occupation of Wound-

ed Knee, also said AIM is prepared to launch a legal assault on the federal government.

Banks and Means face federal charges stemming from the Wounded Knee confrontation and also face South Dakota charges relating to a disturbance following an AIM-led demonstration in Custer, S.D., last February.

"The federal government is prosecuting me more severely than other defendants," Means said. "The state is doing the same to Banks on the South Dakota charges. They are working together to make examples of us. It is a strategy intended to destroy AIM as an organization dedicated to obtaining Indian rights. They want to discourage other Indians from seeking their rights."

Banks said, "We are prepared to start filing, through our attorney, Ramon Roubideaux of Rapid City, what will be a massive legal assault on the federal government."

"It will include court actions against the Health, Education and Welfare Department, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Agriculture Department, Bureau of Reclamation and

Transportation Department on behalf of Indians all over the nation," Banks said. "This will be aimed at correcting the oppressive conditions that led us to Wounded Knee in the first place."

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## Casados gets 6-year sentence

GERING, Neb. (AP) — Leroy Casados, 33, of Alliance has been sentenced to six years in the Nebraska Penal Complex.

Casados was convicted by a Scotts Bluff County District Court jury of possessing parts of a gasoline bomb during January disturbances in the Scotts Bluff area. He was sentenced Monday.

Casados, a member of the American Indian Movement, remains free on \$2,500 bond pending appeal.

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## AIM office disagrees with BIA statement

Mark Lane, New York, said in Rapid City Thursday morning that a Wounded Knee Legal Defense Offense Committee investigation team examined the body at the Pine Ridge Public Health Service Hospital and disagrees with the BIA statement.

The attorney said the team found seven bullet holes in the chest "apparently from a .38 caliber pistol in a remarkably small pattern, three by five inches, any shot of which might have killed him."

Lane said the team also found four other chest wounds and three bullet wounds in the hand. The chest wounds, Lane said, were one at the neck, the size of a half-dollar (a surface wound which did not penetrate), another surface wound which could have resulted from tear gas burns; and two bruises on the chest which could have resulted from the wad from a tear gas bullet.

There were two wounds of bullet entrance on the hand and on gapins wound of exit which could have been caused if Bissonette held his hand in front of his chest, Lane said.

Lane asked that the body be returned to Rapid City for examination by an out-of-state pathologist. AIM said the body had been taken to Scottsbluff.

AIM leader Russell Means issued a press release from Minneapolis calling the shooting "a conspiracy to assassinate the leadership of AIM."

Means said, "On Monday people who believe in American Indian treaty rights will converge on Pine Ridge to deal with outlaws of the United States."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Omaha, Nebraska  
October 17, 1973

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AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

This investigation is based on information which indicates the American Indian Movement (AIM) is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection) or 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), as indicated hereafter. Since January, 1973, AIM has been actively involved in demonstrations and violent confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City and Custer areas of South Dakota. From February 27 through May 8, 1973, AIM leaders and members and their supporters occupied the community of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms taking a number of the community's residents as hostages. Before surrendering to Federal authorities, they engaged in numerous violent and destructive acts and gunfire was exchanged with Federal authorities resulting in the death of two of the insurgents.

The American Indian Movement (AIM) was founded in Minnesota in 1968, dedicated to improving conditions for the American Indian. AIM recently led and participated in confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. AIM led the takeover of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in February-May, 1973.

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## AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

On September 27, 1973, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dennis James Banks, who had recently resided in the State of South Dakota, was the primary leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM). The source stated that Banks' closest friend and also a national leader of AIM was Ronald Daniel Petite of Minnesota who had recently been living at Des Moines, Iowa.

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Date October 9, 1973

The reliable source furnished the following information:

During the early morning hours of August 31, 1973, RONALD DANIEL PETITE contacted American Indian Movement (AIM) members at Des Moines, Iowa, and notified them that arrest warrants had been issued at Custer, South Dakota, for RUSSELL MEANS, VERNON BELLECOURT, DENNIS BANKS and other AIM leaders. PETITE advised that BANKS had gone into hiding and would need help to evade arrest. PETITE indicated he feared that he too might be arrested and that he was leaving Des Moines, Iowa, immediately for the Minneapolis, Minnesota, area. PETITE left Des Moines, Iowa, on August 31, 1973, by private automobile accompanied by several other AIM members. Later on the same date the source advised that RONALD PETITE and other AIM members were staying at Apartment 309, 2732 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and were attempting to contact DENNIS BANKS who was believed to be in South Dakota. PETITE had indicated that he planned to assist BANKS in escaping to Canada and that the border crossing would be made in the Baudette, Minnesota, area.

The source further advised that on September 1, 1973, it became known at Des Moines, Iowa, that Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RONALD PETITE. [REDACTED]

Iowa. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] American Indian Development Center (AIDC) of [REDACTED] Iowa. The source advised that the American Indian Development Center of Des Moines, Iowa, was created during July, 1973, by community leaders and American Indians then residing at Des Moines, Iowa. Source stated [REDACTED] Iowa. [REDACTED]

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On 9/27/73 at [REDACTED] Iowa File # OM 100-8746

by SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] jmt Date dictated 10/3/73

Source advised that on September 8, 1973, he learned that RAYMOND SLICK, AIM member from Des Moines, Iowa, who had departed Des Moines, Iowa, in the company of RONALD DANIEL PETITE, was then temporarily living in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at 2732 Second Avenue South, and that SLICK had indicated that RONALD DANIEL PETITE and DENNIS JAMES BANKS were then in Kenora, Ontario, Canada.

The source continued advising that on September 13, 1973, RONALD PETITE telephoned an AIM member in Des Moines, Iowa, and indicated he was accompanied [REDACTED] DENNIS BANKS and RAYMOND SLICK. PETITE indicated that he and the others needed money and assistance.

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Source advised that on September 13, 1973, DENNIS JAMES BANKS telephoned an AIM member in Des Moines, Iowa, and indicated that he, BANKS, was at Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada, and indicated that he desired to have DOUGLASS DURHAM, AIM member from Des Moines, Iowa, travel to Yellowknife for a personal meeting with himself and RONALD PETITE. BANKS indicated the number he was calling from was area code 403, 873-5084, and that he could be contacted at this number.

The source reported that on September 15, 1973, DOUGLASS DURHAM flew from Des Moines, Iowa, arriving at Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, on September 16, 1973. He was met by BANKS and PETITE who took him to the residence of JAMES WAH-SHEE. Source advised that WAH-SHEE is a leader of an Indian organization in Canada known as the "Brotherhood." Living in the WAH-SHEE house at that time was DENNIS BANKS and his wife KIMOOK and their child. RONALD DANIEL PETITE, [REDACTED] ANDREW GON and his wife [REDACTED] and two AIM members from Iowa, [REDACTED] and RAYMOND SLICK. ANDREW GON was identified as a chief of the Dog Rib Indian Tribe and was officially their host.

BANKS indicated to those present that he needed assistance in running the American Indian Movement and indicated that he believed that in his absence the American Indian Movement should be run by several individuals whom



he identified as JOHN TRUDELL, RUSSELL MEANS, DOUGLASS DURHAM and GEORGE ROBERTS of Los Angeles, California. BANKS referred to TRUDELL as the acting national chairman of AIM and stated he desired to have the four of them represent himself as the leader of AIM. BANKS indicated that a meeting had been tentatively arranged between AIM representatives and representatives of several foreign countries including Germany and one or more Arab countries. BANKS stated that the meeting had been arranged in part by himself and in part by GEORGE ROBERTS of Los Angeles, and indicated that ROBERTS was responsible for a large amount of AIM funding. BANKS indicated this meeting would be held in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, in the immediate future, but stated that exact details had not yet been worked out.

On the afternoon of September 16, 1973, a large supply of equipment which had been stored at the WAH-SHEE residence as well as in the automobile belonging to PETITE, was loaded into the automobile and a rented trailer and this material was hauled to a lakeside airport where it was loaded onto a twin-engine floatplane. The source described the material loaded onto the aircraft as numerous cartons of food, clothing, camping materials and a few firearms including what appeared to be a single .30 caliber fully automatic rifle of European origin, two pistols and one bolt action rifle, possibly .22 caliber. Also included was ammunition for these weapons and shotgun ammunition. The source noted that the shotgun which had been included among these goods, was lost or stolen while being loaded on board the airplane. Source advised that after the materials were loaded on board the plane, it was decided some additional groceries were needed and [redacted] accompanied by KIMCOOK BANKS drove back into town for some grocery shopping and upon their return, it was discovered that a small leather briefcase belonging to RONALD DANIEL PETITE had been lost from the open trailer.

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PETITE was extremely distressed at this discovery and stated that the briefcase contained numerous personal papers as well as AIM papers which could be traced to himself, and also contained in the briefcase was a .357 caliber revolver. PETITE indicated that he knew he could not legally possess such a firearm in Canada and was seriously concerned that the weapon might be turned in to police and traced to him.

After all equipment was loaded on the airplane, it was boarded by BANKS and PETITE, their wives and children, ANDREW GON and his wife, DOUGLASS DURHAM and a brush pilot who flew the aircraft. They traveled approximately 200 miles, landing in an area known as Mac Lake and unloaded the equipment at a wilderness camp operated by the Dog Rib Indian Tribe. The source noted that ANDREW GON, the host, did not speak English and seemed to have no understanding of who BANKS and PETITE were except that they were important Indians from the United States. Source stated that when the aircraft departed, BANKS, PETITE and the others were left isolated with no regular or reliable communication. Source stated there was a radio telephone at the wilderness camp which was capable of contacting or being contacted from Yellowknife, however, the equipment did not operate reliably.

Source advised that from September 16 through 19, 1973, DOUGLASS DURHAM and [redacted] were house guests at the WAH-SHEE home and RAYMOND SLICK stayed from September 16 through September 18, 1973, when he departed for the United States, operating PETITE's Ford station wagon. On September 19, 1973, DURHAM left for the United States, leaving [redacted] at the WAH-SHEE home [redacted]

[redacted] BANKS or  
for BANKS [redacted]

The source advised that JAMES WAH-SHEE, who was at his home only part of the time that his house guests were there, had indicated that he was firmly in favor of non-violent action. WAH-SHEE's philosophy was described as working "within the system" and that his position was based partly on personal belief and partly on financial resources. WAH-SHEE explained that much of the money which is used by the Indian Brotherhood comes directly from the Canadian National Government and that violent and unlawful activity might destroy this source of income. WAH-SHEE indicated that he did not approve of the American Indian Movement because of its unlawful and violent actions within the United States and that he did not desire to have any American Indian Movement activity in Canada because it might destroy his own organization. WAH-SHEE indicated he believed that

DENNIS BANKS was a sincere Indian leader, while he believed RONALD PETITE was a crude uneducated person who had simply found a way to make a living without working.

The source further advised he had learned that GEORGE C. ROBERTS, a white male described as 6'2", 175 pounds, brown hair, thin build, approximately 32 years of age, was residing at 17 Avenue 23, Venice, California, and is employed as President of Inca, Incorporated, 5541 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. ROBERTS has home telephone number 213-399-1482 and uses business telephone 213-933-5843. ROBERTS appears to be a successful white businessman who is married to a woman who claims to be an Indian from Peru. Source stated that ROBERTS held the title of "State Coordinator" for AIM in California, was affiliated with the "Los Angeles Free Press" and claimed to do much international travel in connection with his legitimate business activities. [REDACTED] and holds an unknown post with AIM.

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The source advised that on September 21, 1973, [REDACTED] arrived at Des Moines [REDACTED] South Dakota, [REDACTED] American Indian Development Center of Des Moines, Iowa, [REDACTED] RAYMOND SLICK also had arrived at Des Moines that date, driving the automobile belonging to RONALD PETITE. By September 25, 1973, [REDACTED] American Indian Development Center at Des Moines, [REDACTED] South Dakota, [REDACTED] the Wounded Knee Legal Defense Office and RAYMOND SLICK returned to his home in Tama, Iowa. On September 25, 1973, it was learned that [REDACTED] WAH-SHEE [REDACTED] in Yellowknife, [REDACTED] BANKS or PETITE since September 16, 1973, and had been unable to contact them. It was also learned that BANKS [REDACTED]

WAH-SHEE [REDACTED]

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The source advised that on September 27, 1973, it was learned that police authorities at Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, had gone to the WAH-SHEE residence and interviewed JAMES [REDACTED]  
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The source advised that there was growing concern among AIM leaders still in the United States that BANKS might not return for his scheduled appearance in Federal Court in Pierre, South Dakota, on October 4, 1973.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-462483)

DATE: 10/17/73

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (100-8746) (P)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)  
EM - AIM

OO: DENVER

Re Omaha nitel 9/27/73 reporting debriefing of

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM reporting details of informant's travel to Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada, and contact with DENNIS JAMES BANKS and other AIM personnel. Enclosed for Minneapolis are five copies of the same LHM, for Denver two copies of the LHM and for Los Angeles two copies of same LHM.

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- 5 - Minneapolis (Enc. 5)
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  - 1 - (157-1472) [redacted]
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  - 1 - (157-1807) [redacted]
  - 1 - (157-1821) (DENNIS BANKS)
  - 1 - (176-89) (PETITE)



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Information contained in the enclosed LHM is being placed on an FD-302 inasmuch as some of the information could become the subject of testimony at a later date.

No additional leads are being set out in this communication based on information in the enclosed LHM inasmuch as information has been previously reported to Bureau and interested offices by teletype.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC Minneapolis 157-1460  
70-6882

DATE: 10/24/73

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: ~~Re: Russell Means~~ Russell Means

[redacted] You Saw Hospital, Rapid City S.D.,  
[redacted] advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] had checked into the hospital and after having  
examinations were scheduled for a gall bladder operation  
next week.

Later in the evening [redacted] returned with  
Russell Means at which time Means ~~advised~~  
[redacted] and [redacted] and some of the doctors saying  
and other doctors were not being  
properly treated at the hospital and that the  
entirety to discuss the situation with the  
head of the hospital.

Means finally left the hospital saying  
that he would return the following day  
\* handle the matter.

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[redacted] Special Agent, Division of Criminal Investigation, [redacted] South Dakota, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent. He was advised that he was being interviewed concerning the events that happened on February 6, 1973.

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He said that the reason he felt that between RUSSELL MEANS, DENNIS BANKS and LEONARD CROW DOG, they were capable of making the crowd do anything, was that it was clear to him that they were the leaders of the crowd that was at the Courthouse in Custer, South Dakota.

He said that he was at the door of the Courthouse when RUSSELL MEANS came to the door. He advised that he told MEANS that only four people could come into the Courthouse. He said that MEANS, CROW DOG, DAVID HILL and CARTER CAMP came to the door and he allowed them into the Courthouse. He further advised that DENNIS BANKS also came to the door and he allowed BANKS to enter the Courthouse. He said that they went into the States Attorney's Office. He advised that he was not present while they were speaking to the States Attorney.

He said that the only weapon that he saw was the pocket knife that he took away from DAVID HILL.

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Interviewed on 10/3/73 [redacted] South Dakota File # MP 70-6882-58  
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/4/73

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : John McCarty, FBI  
Rapid City

DATE: 10/25/73

FROM : R. D. Hurd  
Sioux Falls, S. Dak. *RDH*

SUBJECT: Leads in re United States of America v. Dennis Banks and Russell Means

John, in the report dated March 10, 1973 at Pages 201 and 202, there is an interview of [redacted] who was apparently interviewed at Pine Ridge on March 5, 1973. In that interview, he advised that he observed the individuals at the time the trading post at Wounded Knee was raided and believes that he could recognize some of them and that he would be willing to testify in Court. He should be located and re-interviewed for the purpose of determining whether or not he can identify any of the leaders as having participated in the burglary and larceny of the trading post.

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*Lead assigned to* [redacted]

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[redacted]  
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[redacted] and after being advised of the official identities of interviewing Agents, furnished the following information: [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] Our Lady of Lourdes Mission located in Porcupine. [redacted] advised he has been so [redacted]

[redacted] He advised that he could not remember the exact date but that sometime during the Wounded Knee takeover, he and [redacted] at the specific request of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation District Council and with Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) approval entered the community of Wounded Knee, South Dakota. He stated one of the main reasons they entered the community of Wounded Knee was to aid in the negotiations and to try and quash the various rumors which were emanating from the militant takeover.

[redacted] stated he and [redacted] have been accepted by the Indian community and for this reason they were requested by the District Council to enter Wounded Knee.

[redacted] advised they visited the Wounded Knee community for a period of about five days, leaving each evening and returning the next day. [redacted] further advised that on the first day they had arrived they met with RUSSELL MEANS and during this meeting MEANS read their credentials to the other occupants of the community and "more or less" accepted the fact that they were there.

[redacted] advised that he and [redacted] had attempted to interview MEANS in an effort to determine what demands the American Indian Movement (AIM) members were requesting from the government but because of the newsmen and public media personnel these discussions with MEANS were frequently interrupted and failed to accomplish anything.

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] crv Date dictated 9/13/73

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[redacted] continued by advising while he was there he observed several people carrying weapons, mostly rifles, but he did not observe anyone firing any weapons. He stated that the Trading Post had already been ransacked when they arrived and there was hardly anything of value left in the Trading Post. He advised he did not see anyone remove any items from the Trading Post while he was there.

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[redacted] advised that he did remember seeing some Indian women preparing meat from a butchered steer but that he did not see who slaughtered the steer or where it came from.

[redacted] advised his [redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota and the telephone number for [redacted]  
[redacted]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882)  
(ATTENTION: SA JOHN E. MC CARTY)

DATE: 10/19/73

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: RUSSELL MEANS  
CIR  
OO:MINNEAPOLIS

Re Department of Justice memo from [REDACTED] to  
SA JOHN E. MC CARTY, dated 8/24/73, item number seven.

Attached hereto are eight copies of an FD 302 concerning  
interview with [REDACTED] regarding his observations  
at Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

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# AIM attorneys to fight order barring leaders from entering reservation

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Attorneys for three American Indian Movement leaders were to appear in federal court here Monday to fight an order barring the three leaders from going to the Pine Ridge Reservation.

U.S. District Court Judge Fred Nichol granted a temporary injunction Saturday preventing AIM leaders Russell Means, Dennis Banks and Leonard Crow Dog from travelling to the reservation.

Earlier last week, an Indian civil rights organization on the reservation had asked AIM to come to the reservation to investigate the shooting death of Pedro Bissonette. Bissonette was shot and killed Wednesday by Bureau of Indian Affairs police. He is to be buried at Pine Ridge Tuesday. AIM members had planned a caravan to Pine Ridge from Minneapolis, Minn., prior to the ceremony.

Judge Nichol said the order bars the three from coming on the reservation until they show cause why their bonds should not be changed to bar them travelling to the reservation. Nichol said he issued the restraining order at the request of the U.S. Attorney's office.

Nichol said he scheduled the hearing for Monday, a government holiday, at the request of AIM attorney Ramon Roubideaux to allow the AIM leaders to attend the services Tuesday if the order is lifted.

Kenneth Tilsen, attorney for defendants in the takeover of Wounded Knee, said he would be present for a court hearing at Sioux Falls, Monday and that AIM principals planned to be in court also.

Last week, AIM leaders Russell Means and Clyde Bellecourt said at a Minneapolis

news conference they would lead a caravan to Pine Ridge. The announced reason was to protest the shooting death of fellow AIM leader, Pedro Bissonette. Bissonette was shot by a Bureau of Indian Affairs police officer in an incident on the reservation last Wednesday.

Tilsen called the court order preventing AIM leaders from traveling to the reservation "outrageous." He said he objected particularly that Means, a candidate for tribal chairman of the Oglala Sioux, should be denied access to the reservation, where he has his home at Porcupine.

Tilsen called it an infringement of free speech as provided by the First Amendment to the Constitution.

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## Wilson says Sioux ready for 'invasion'

PINE RIDGE, (AP) — The president of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council says any attempt by American Indian Movement members to enter the Pine Ridge Reservation will be met with resistance.

President Richard Wilson was responding Friday to remarks made by AIM leaders Russell Means and Clyde Bellecourt in the wake of the slaying of Pedro Bissonette. The AIM member was shot and killed Wednesday night by reservation police attempting to arrest him on fugitive warrants.

Means and Bellecourt told newsmen in Minneapolis that hundreds of Indians would gather on the reservation Monday to ensure justice for AIM sympathizers.

Wilson said, however, that "the Oglala Sioux have organized and are prepared to meet the AIM invasion with resistance."

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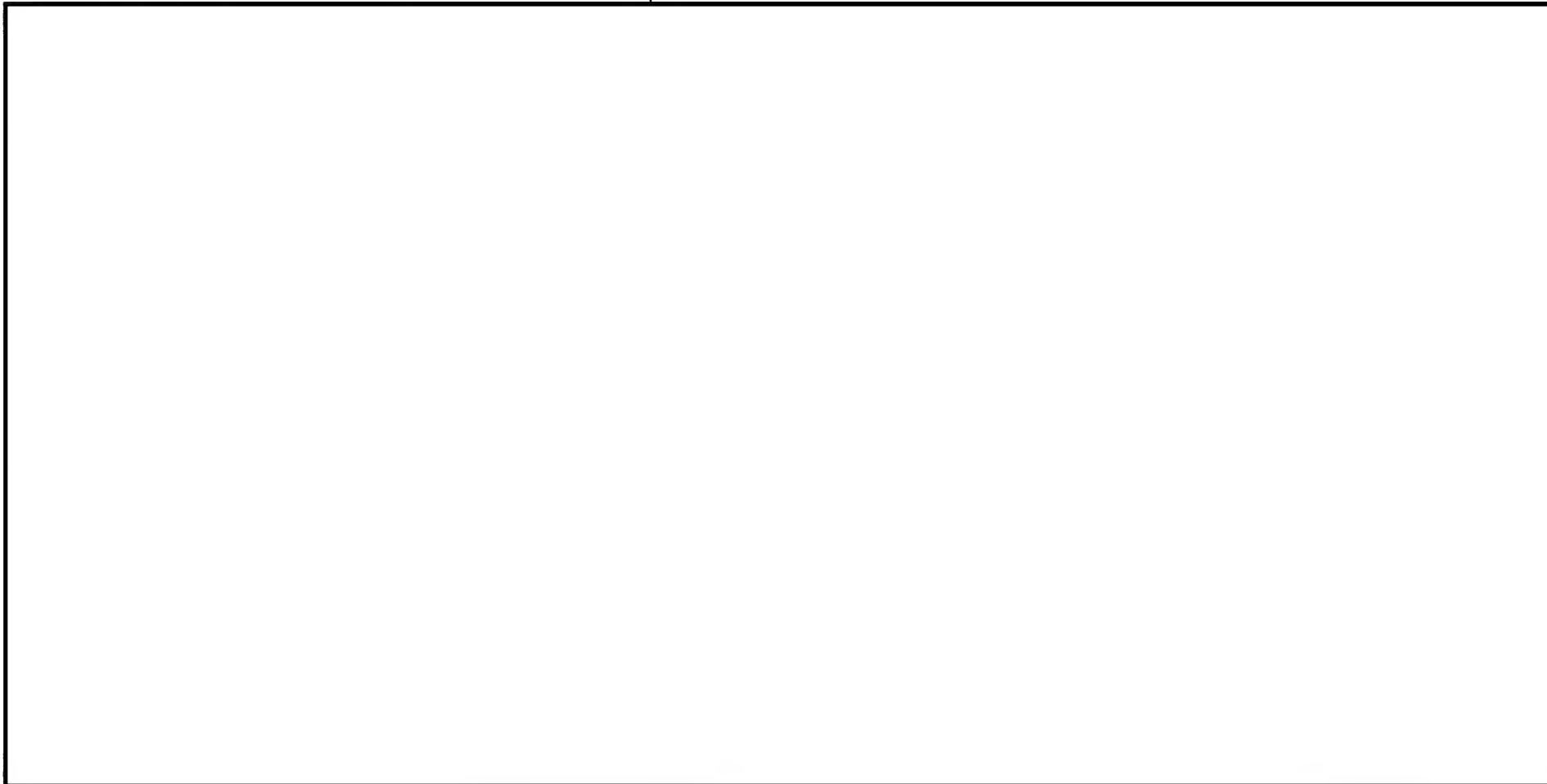
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SOURCE ADVISED



SOURCE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY OF TRAVEL AND  
ACTIVITIES OF AIM LEADERS:



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OKLAHOMA. NO DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ON THIS MEETING.

SOURCE DESCRIBED

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SOURCE ADVISED ABOVE TRAVEL WILL BE MADE PUBLIC, BUT IS  
NOT BEING ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE. SOURCE ALSO NOTED THAT

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ON 10/23/73 SOURCE STATED THAT AIM'S PLANS TO MOVE THEIR HEADQUARTERS TO LOS ANGELES HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DUE TO THE SITUATION DEVELOPED OVER THE DEATH OF PEDRO BISSONETTE, HOWEVER, THE MOVE OF AIM HEADQUARTERS TO LOS ANGELES IS STILL DEFINITELY PLANNED SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE. THE SOURCE ADVISED THAT GEORGE ROBERTS, WHO IS NOT ON THE AIM CENTRAL COMMITTEE, IS PRESENTLY IN LOS ANGELES. SOURCE ADVISED THAT ONE OF AIM'S MAIN

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ADVISED THAT SOME OF THE PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED AND HAVE ACCEPTED TO THE 10/29/73 MEETING ARE U.S. SENATOR ABOUREZK, SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR RICHARD KNEIP, WILLIAM CLAYTON, U.S. ATTORNEY; DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, KENT TRIZZELL; NATIONAL COUNSEL OF CHURCHES, REVEREND JOHN ADAMS; CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, JOHN TERRONEZ; OGALA CHIEFS FOOLS CROW, RED CLOUD, IRON CLOUD, BLACK ELK, KILLS ENEMY AND ROSEBUD CHIEF CROW DOG.

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SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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ABOVE INFO MUST BE CAREFULLY PROTECTED AS DISCLOSURE COULD  
TEND TO IDENTIFY SOURCE THEREBY COMPROMISING HIS PERSONAL SAFETY  
AND FUTURE EFFECTIVENESS.

SURVEILLANCE OF BANKS AND OTHERS AT NEW ORLEANS AND TULSA  
NOT NECESSARY, UACB.

BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED OF CHANGES OR  
ADDITIONS TO ITINERARY.

BUREAU AND MINNEAPOLIS NOTE THAT SOURCE STATED [REDACTED]

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# BIA policemen shot, roadblocks set up

PINE RIDGE (AP) — Two Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) policemen were shot and wounded Sunday night on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Delmer K. Eastman, agency special officer in charge of the BIA police on the reservation, said early Monday that the two officers were shot about 9:15 p.m. when they tried to stop a vehicle on S. D. 18, four miles north of Pine Ridge.

Officer Terrance Trottier was hospitalized at Pine Ridge and officer Phillip Clifford was treated for a gunshot wound in the left arm and released from the hospital, Eastman said.

A hospital spokesman said Trottier was listed in good con-

dition with a gunshot wound in the shoulder.

Eastman said the two officers had just finished an investigation of an assault on five young Indian men when they spotted a vehicle they thought was carrying persons involved in the assault. He said the officers were fired upon when they tried to stop the vehicle.

No suspects had been taken into custody.

Eastman said BIA police were making a complete search of the Pine Ridge Reservation and roadblocks had been set up at all reservation exits. He said roadblocks had also been established at all exits from the reservation leading into Nebraska.

"I strongly suspect those who did the shooting were AIM militants because of numerous threats we have received from national leaders of the American Indian Movement," Eastman said. "I plan to continue the search until I'm satisfied the suspects are not on the reservation."

AIM leader Russell Means said Monday in Rapid City that Eastman's statement about the shootings was "completely false and distorted," but did not offer an alternate version of what had happened.

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Rapid City,  
S. D.

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Editor: JAMES AL. KILHEEN

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS 70-6864  
70-6882  
70-7041

DATE: 10/19/73

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

On 10/19/73 at approximately 6:45 pm SA [REDACTED]  
Fargo, N. Dakota RA telephonically advised the writer that

[REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
were going to Pine Ridge, but would be [REDACTED]  
Also, that [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] could furnish no additional information.

[REDACTED] BIA, Pine Ridge  
advised above details, 10/19/73 at 6:50 pm.

## ADDENDUM

Above information furnished to SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] therefore, he could not furnish the  
symbol number of the informant.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882) (P)

DATE: 10/18/73

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: RUSSELL MEANS  
CIR

On 10/17/73, at approximately 11:45 p.m., captioned source advised that PEDRO BISSONETTE had been shot by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officers at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, in early PM this date.

On this date, source advised that RUSSELL MEANS was to leave Minneapolis, Minnesota, and arrive in ~~Rapid~~ City, South Dakota, early AM of 10/18/73. Source advised that RUSSELL MEANS stated "I'm going to Pine Ridge and I'm going to confront the BIA. I want to see the biggest BIA pig. I want them to meet me on the outskirts of the reservation".

Source continued to state that [REDACTED] of the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee (WKLDOC) advised source that there were presently several AIM meetings going on on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation concerning the shooting of PEDRO BISSONETTE. [REDACTED] advised source that there needs to be a demonstration at Pine Ridge projected against the BIA, but its purpose and intention would be left up to the discretion of RUSSELL MEANS who would be arriving in Rapid City early AM of 10/18/73.

On 10/18/73, at approximately 3:30 a.m., source advised that RUSSELL MEANS has called for a "Cheta" alert to American Indian Movement (AIM) chapters across the nation urging AIM members to meet in Minneapolis on Saturday 10/20/73, and to travel to Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Source advised that the alert discloses the fact that "PEDRO BISSONETTE has been assassinated". Source further advised that MEANS continued to state that the BIA will pay for every second of PEDRO's life.

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Source continued to advise that the present word from RUSSELL MEANS was that he will be traveling to Pine Ridge from Minneapolis with a number of followers on Monday 10/22/73. Source advised that RUSSELL MEANS has been quoted as saying "Federal government lives or Indian dies. Gunning down PEDRO started wholesale slaughter. If you want to kill anyone else, you will have your chance Monday". Source continued to advise that MEANS has notified the local television, radio and newspapers of his intentions and that his last statement was "When AIM gets coverage, they really put on a show and if you were at Wounded Knee, you know what I mean".

On instant date, source advised that MARK LANE had advised him that the gunning down of PEDRO BISSONETTE was in every indication, pointed to cold blooded murder. LANE advised the source that he had viewed BISSONETTE's body at Pine Ridge and stated that there were numerous buckshot wounds and a wound on the back of BISSONETTE's head.

On instant date, [REDACTED] WKIDOC. advised

[REDACTED]

early AM instant date.) [REDACTED] further advised that Community Relations Service (CRS) is coming to Pine Ridge.

Source advised that three television networks will be present at Pine Ridge on Monday. Source continued to advise that whenever the Indians and the news media get together, there could be trouble.

Date prepared

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Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:  
Date

Date of Report

Dictated

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Authenticated  
by Informant

Brief description of activity or material

File where original is located if not attached

\* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (\*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.  
VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

☐ Information recorded on a card index by \_\_\_\_\_ on date \_\_\_\_\_.

Remarks:

Information if disseminated should be suitably paraphrased to protect the identity of the Informant.

All pertinent information relating to possible violence disseminated to appropriate authorities.

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Source advised as follows:

Source advised [REDACTED]

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Source advised that upon leaving he estimated there were 450 people present and it is anticipated that as many as 600 to 800 people are expected by the time of the funeral. Source explained the funeral has been postponed until 1:00 P.M. or until the arrival of VERNON and CLYDE BELLECOURT and DENNIS BANKS.

Source advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Source advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Source advised there is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Source advised that at each time he approached [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Source advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Source advised in random discussion with various Indian individuals who were wearing red armbands and berets they stated in response to the possibility of BIA Officers attempting to arrest MEANS, BANKS and the BELLECOURTS, that BIA had "better not try it".

[REDACTED]

Source advised he observed one BIA roadblock on Highway 18 at the turnoff to the BISSONETTE home in which four BIA cars and numerous officers were stationed. Source described the officers as exhibiting what appeared to be bayoneted shotguns and M-16 rifles.

Source advised rumors are running rampant at the BISSONETTE place in which one has it the BIA has an airplane equipped with machine guns. Further, that BIA police intend to enter the BISSONETTE place by use of force. Source stated all of the above is being interpreted by those present at the BISSONETTE place to be a threat of violence.

Source advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Source advised almost everyone he talked to expressed the opinion that "All Hell would break loose" after the funeral.

Source advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Source advised there were numerous cars parked in the area, mostly South Dakota license plates and also some out-of-state license plates.

He advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MINNEAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MINNEAPOLIS	DATE 10/20/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/7/73 - 9/22/73
TITLE OF CASE  RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; aka Russ Means		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY skg b6 b7c
		CHARACTER OF CASE  CIR - BURGLARY & LARCENY; ARL; AFO; CONSPIRACY; IFO; UPOF	

REFERENCES

Minneapolis report of SA  9/19/73;  
 Minneapolis teletype to the Bureau, 9/3/73;  
 Minneapolis teletype to Omaha, 9/7/73;  
 Richmond teletype to the Bureau, 9/24/73;  
 Omaha teletype to the Bureau, 9/24/73;  
 Salt Lake City airtel to the Bureau, 9/27/73.

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It is noted the period of investigation of this report overlaps that of the previous report inasmuch as FD-302's contained herein were previously reported in the Minneapolis case entitled "Wounded Knee," Minneapolis file 70-6832, Bureau file 70-58411.

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It is further noted USA WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, recently requested previous FBI reports be referenced in the first paragraph of details, for the assistance of his office.

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LEADS

DENVER

AT DENVER, COLORADO

An information copy of this report is being forwarded Denver in view of their interest in RUSSELL MEANS and AIM leaders.

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

An Information copy of this report is being forwarded Oklahoma City in view of their interest in RUSSELL MEANS and AIM leaders.

PHOENIX

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

An information copy of this report is being forwarded Phoenix in view of their interest in RUSSELL MEANS and AIM leaders.

MINNEAPOLIS

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will, through AUSA, District of South Dakota, follow prosecution of RUSSELL MEANS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Report of:  
Date:

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October 20, 1973

Office: Minneapolis,  
Minnesota

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Field Office File #: 70-6882

Bureau File #: 70-58411

Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - BURGLARY AND LARCENY;  
ANTI-RIOT LAWS; ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICERS; CONSPIRACY;  
IMPEDING FEDERAL OFFICERS; UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

Synopsis: Interviews with law enforcement officials and local  
businessmen regarding the activities of subject during  
the 2/6/73 Custer, South Dakota, disturbances, set  
forth. Interviews with local residents regarding  
the activities of subject during 2/27/73 - 5/8/73  
AIM occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, set  
forth. Verification of Indian enrollment on the  
registers of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation also  
set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

Reference is made to the investigative report of  
Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 18, 1973, and the  
reports of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated August 3, 1973,  
and September 19, 1973.

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1Date of transcription 8/2/73

[redacted] Lieutenant, South Dakota Highway Patrol, [redacted] South Dakota, subsequent to the identification of this interviewing Agent, furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he was personally present at the Custer County Court House during the occupation on February 6, 1973. [redacted] advised that he personally assisted Patrolman [redacted] and Patrolman [redacted] both of the South Dakota Highway Patrol, with the arrest of RUSSELL MEANS. [redacted] went on to say that he was with [redacted] and observed [redacted] physically place RUSSELL MEANS in custody on the main floor inside the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota. [redacted] stated as [redacted] were attempting to restrain MEANS [redacted] asked him personally for a pair of handcuffs to which [redacted] his personal handcuffs. [redacted] placed the handcuffs on RUSSELL MEANS and both [redacted] physically removed MEANS via the rear door of the Court House to the designated custody area.

[redacted] advised that he has observed several photographs from the news media of RUSSELL MEANS prior to the occupation of the Custer County Court House on February 6, 1973. [redacted] advised that he could identify RUSSELL MEANS' photograph at a later date if necessary and in addition, stated he could identify a photograph of RUSSELL MEANS if displayed to him. A photograph of RUSSELL MEANS was subsequently displayed to [redacted] to which he identified as RUSSELL MEANS the same individual as taken into custody by Patrolmen [redacted] at the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973.

Interviewed on 8/1/73 at [redacted] South Dakota File # MP 70-6882  
by SA [redacted] /rmd Date dictated 8/1/73

Date of transcription 8/2/73

[redacted] South Dakota Highway Patrol,  
[redacted] South Dakota, subsequent to identification of this  
interviewing Agent, furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he was present at Custer, South  
Dakota, at the Custer County Court House on February 6, 1973.

[redacted] advised that he was personally [redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota Highway Patrol [redacted]  
[redacted] Custer County Court House. While [redacted]  
[redacted] he observed Highway Patrol Officer [redacted]  
[redacted] physically assisting RUSSELL MEANS from the rear door to  
the Custer County Court House.

[redacted] advised that he could not recall [redacted] partner  
who was assisting [redacted] with the removal of RUSSELL MEANS.

[redacted] advised that he observed MEANS to be handcuffed and observed  
[redacted] to place MEANS at an assembly area designated for people  
removed from the Custer County Court House. [redacted] advised that  
this area was designated for the pickup point and removal of these  
individuals to a place for incarceration.

[redacted] advised that it was his opinion, due to Highway  
Patrol procedure and his experience, that RUSSELL MEANS had been  
placed under arrest and in custody by Officer [redacted] and his  
partners.

[redacted] advised that he could identify RUSSELL MEANS at  
a later date due to the fact that he personally has seen him in  
person at the Custer County Court House and has seen numerous  
photographs of MEANS. [redacted] advised that he could identify  
photographs of RUSSELL MEANS if displayed to him. A photograph  
was subsequently identified by [redacted] of RUSSELL MEANS.

Interviewed on 8/1/73 at [redacted] South Dakota File # MP 70-6882  
by SA [redacted] /rmd Date dictated 8/1/73

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1Date of transcription 8/2/73

[redacted] South Dakota Highway  
Patrol, [redacted] South Dakota, subsequent to the  
identification of the interviewing Agent, furnished the following  
information:

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[redacted] advised that he was personally present at the  
takeover of the Custer County Court House in Custer, South Dakota,  
on February 6, 1973. [redacted] advised that as he attempted to enter  
the Custer County Court House and remove individuals who had  
occupied the Court House he personally saw RUSSELL MEANS crawling  
on his hands and knees towards the front door. [redacted] advised  
that he observed RUSSELL MEANS in this position as he attempted  
to enter the Court House from the rear door.

Shortly upon entering the Court House on the main  
floor he proceeded to place RUSSELL MEANS into physical custody  
and subsequently handcuffed MEANS with his arms behind his back.  
[redacted] advised that he was personally assisted by Patrolman  
[redacted] in addition, advised that Lieutenant  
[redacted] was present while MEANS was taken into physical  
custody and it was Lieutenant [redacted] handcuffs that were  
applied to MEANS.

According to [redacted] MEANS was escorted by himself  
and Patrolman [redacted] to the rear of the Custer County Court House  
and subsequently turned over to an unknown officer in the  
designated custody area for transportation to jail facilities.

[redacted] advised that he could personally identify  
RUSSELL MEANS at a later date and indicated that prior to the  
occupation of the Custer County Court House he had seen several  
photographs of MEANS through the news media. [redacted] advised that  
he could identify a photograph of MEANS if displayed at which  
time [redacted] immediately identified a photograph of RUSSELL MEANS.

Interviewed on 8/1/73 at [redacted] South Dakota File # MP 70-6882  
by SA [redacted] /rmd Date dictated 8/1/73

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription August 10, 1973

JOHN L. EVANS, Chief Deputy, Custer County Sheriff's Office, Custer, South Dakota, subsequent to the identification of the interviewing Agents furnished the following information:

EVANS advised that he was on official duty at the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973.

According to EVANS, he was working with Sheriff Deputy [redacted] prior to and during the occupation of the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota. EVANS advised that he was present during the first assault by several Indians upon the Court House and then in addition, the final assault into the front door of the Court House.

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EVANS advised that he had personally seen RUSSELL MEANS outside and in the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973. While assisting with the arrest of individuals who had occupied the Custer County Court House he was personally present after Highway Patrolmen had arrested MEANS along with DAVID HILL in the Custer County Court House. According to EVANS, after MEANS had been arrested by the South Dakota Highway Patrolmen, he personally assisted one of the Highway Patrolmen with removing RUSSELL MEANS by way of the back door of the Court House to a designated area for transporting prisoners to a near-by jail facility.

EVANS advised that he could identify DAVID HILL and RUSSELL MEANS if seen in person at a later date.

During the interview 93 black and white photographs were shown to EVANS in attempt to identify individuals present at the occupation of the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973.

The following photographs were identified by EVANS as follows:

Photograph #2, [redacted]  
Photograph #5, RUSSELL MEANS  
Photograph #6, [redacted]  
Photograph #7, [redacted]  
Photograph #9, [redacted]

Interviewed on 8/2/73 at Custer, South Dakota File # MP 70-6882

by SA [redacted] / mjs Date dictated 8/6/73



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Photograph #10, [REDACTED]  
Photograph #11, DENNIS BANKS  
Photograph #14, (1) RUSSELL MEANS  
Photograph #16, (1) RUSSELL MEANS, (2) [REDACTED]  
Photograph #17, [REDACTED]  
Photograph #20, [REDACTED]  
Photograph #21, identified vehicle depicted as owned and operated  
by [REDACTED]

EVANS advised that he could personally identify all the above individuals named as depicted in photographs displayed.

EVANS advised that he would testify in court as to all the above information given in this interview.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription August 4, 1973

[redacted] Phillip 66 Station, Highway 16 and 385, subsequent to the interviewing Agents, furnished the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he was near the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, February 6, 1973, during the time of the occupation of the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota.

[redacted] advised that while in the area of the Court House, he observed a fuel truck being driven by a [redacted] being stopped near the area of the Court House by several Indians. [redacted] stated that he could not identify any of the individuals stopping the vehicle but stated he observed approximately six Indians near and on the truck attempting to open the valves. [redacted] again restated that the distance between him, the Indians, and the truck, he could not identify anyone involved with the stopping of the vehicle. [redacted] stated that the only individual that he could positively identify at the Custer County Court House was RUSSELL MEANS, who he has personally seen photographs of MEANS that have been released by prior news media photographs.

[redacted] stated that he observed MEANS entering the Custer County Court House at Custer, South Dakota.

[redacted] advised that he would testify the above information and if he were to develop any positive information in this matter in the near future, he will notify the FBI.

Interviewed on 8/2/73 at Custer, South Dakota File # MP 70-6882

by SA [redacted] 11 Date dictated 8/4/73

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Date of transcription August 10, 1973

[redacted] State Attorney, [redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota, subsequent to the identification of the  
interviewing Agents, furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he was present inside the Custer  
County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973.

According to [redacted] the main reason for his presence  
inside the Court House on this particular date was to meet and  
discuss demands made by the American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders.  
During this conversation in a conference room located off the  
main floor in the Custer County Court House, [redacted] stated  
that DAVID HILL, [redacted] DENNIS BANKS, and RUSSELL  
MEANS were present. As the meeting proceeded, RUSSELL MEANS left  
the room on at least two occasions returning as a result of con-  
versations with individuals who had congregated on the front  
steps leading to the Custer County Court House. Upon return by  
MEANS, a conversation ensued between MEANS and BANKS, and BANKS  
at which time with a use of what appeared to be an axe handle,  
proceeded to smash file cabinets, furniture, and break out nearby  
windows to this conference room. During the ensuing outbreak  
by BANKS, shortly thereafter, the Custer County Court House was  
occupied by a large uncontrolled group. [redacted] advised that  
during the conversation with HILL, [redacted] BANKS, and MEANS,  
he had the entire conversation on tape.

[redacted] stated that he personally observed Highway  
Patrolmen arrest RUSSELL MEANS in the lobby on the main floor of  
the Custer County Court House, February 6, 1973. [redacted]  
advised that he could personally identify all the above individuals  
mentioned by him as being present during the occupation of the  
Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, February 6, 1973.

During the interview, [redacted] was shown 93 black  
and white photographs for identification purposes.

The following identifications were made by [redacted]

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Photograph #8, [REDACTED]  
Photograph #9, [REDACTED]  
Photograph #10, [REDACTED]  
Photograph #11, DENNIS BANKS  
Photograph #12, [REDACTED]  
Photograph #13, [REDACTED]  
Photograph #14, (1) RUSSELL MEANS, (2) [REDACTED]  
Photograph #15, (1) RUSSELL MEANS, (3) [REDACTED]  
Photograph #16, (1) RUSSELL MEANS, (2) [REDACTED]  
Photograph #17, [REDACTED]  
Photograph #18, [REDACTED]  
Photograph #19, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Upon conclusion of viewing of the above photographs, [REDACTED] stated that he could personally identify these individuals at a later date if required.

[REDACTED] stated that he was personally present at the meeting at Hot Springs on February 15, 1973, which was a very peaceful meeting attended by DENNIS BANKS and the [REDACTED] AARON DE SERSA. During this interview, [REDACTED] furnished a photograph depicting DE SERSA and DENNIS BANKS.

[REDACTED] advised that he would testify to all the above information in court.

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ERNIE PEPIN, Sheriff, Custer County Sheriff's Office, subsequent to the identification of the interviewing Agent furnished the following information:

PEPIN advised that he was on official duty and was personally present at the occupation of the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973.

During this interview PEPIN furnished interviewing Agents a list of individuals arrested at the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973. In addition, PEPIN furnished the interviewing Agents a list of vehicles containing license plates which were present during the Custer County Court House occupation on February 6, 1973.

PEPIN stated that on February 6, 1973, while in front of the Custer County Court House, he had personally seen RUSSELL MEANS with other AIM members prior and during the occupation of the Court House. PEPIN stated that he observed MEANS come out of the Custer County Court House building by way of the front door and in a conversation with one of the Police Officers asked if he may step outside to consult other AIM members. According to PEPIN, MEANS again went back into the Court House and shortly thereafter, asked a second time to leave the Court House and talk with friends.

PEPIN stated that as he observed MEANS approach the front door of the Court House, MEANS turned to a group of individuals already present in front of the Court House and stated, "We're all going in." At this time, PEPIN advised this group entered by the front door and occupied the Custer County Court House, Custer County, South Dakota.

PEPIN was subsequently shown 93 black and white photographs at which time the following identification was made:

Photograph #5, RUSSELL MEANS

Photograph #6,

Photograph #7,

Photograph #8,

Photograph #9,

Photograph #10,

Photograph #11, DENNIS BURNS

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Photograph #15, (1) RUSSELL MEANS, (2)

Photograph #16, (1) RUSSELL MEANS, (2)

Photograph #17,

Photograph #18,

Photograph #20,

PEPIN stated upon completion of viewing all 93 photographs, that he could positively identify and state that all the above photograph identifications made by him were in and around Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973.

PEPIN advised that he would testify to all the above information furnished during this interview.

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ERNIE PEPIN, Sheriff, Custer County Sheriff's Office, provided a list of individuals arrested at the Custer County Courthouse, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973, and a list of vehicles present during the Custer Courthouse occupation as follows:

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[REDACTED]

RUSSELL MEANS

[REDACTED]

SEVERT YOUNG BEAR

[REDACTED]

DAVID HILL

[REDACTED]


DENNIS BANKS

CHARLES KILLS REE

MILO WARFIELD GOINGS

[REDACTED]

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
1963	Cadillac	
1970	Chevrolet	
	Dodge	
	Buick	Red/White
1972	Chevrolet Pickup	Olive
1966	Mustang	Burnt Orange
1970	Chevy Camaro	Blue
	U-Haul Truck	AIM poster in windshield
1972	Ford Pickup	Black
1970	Ford	Blue
1968	Ford Tudor	
	Ford	Blue
1960	Chevrolet Fordor	
1971	Plymouth Sta Wgn	Brown
	Ford Torino	Yellow with Black Stripes
	Chevrolet	Yellow
1957	Chevrolet	Black
	Sta Wgn	Green
	Sta Wgn	Tan
	Truck	

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[redacted] was interviewed [redacted] South Dakota, and she stated she was never in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, at the time of the American Indian Movement (AIM) occupancy nor was she ever in the RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS' trailer on or after the beginning of the occupancy on February 27, 1973. However, it is possible that her [redacted] may have been mistaken for her and may have been in MEANS' trailer. She said she has not seen her sister since February 10, 1973.

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Mrs. [redacted] is an alcoholic and has been treated for alcoholism in the past and would be an unreliable witness. Further, [redacted] has not been known to her as an AIM follower but that her [redacted] is deeply involved with AIM and has been from its inception. Prior to [redacted] being a follower of AIM, she was involved in the Civil Rights group that centers around the town of Calico, South Dakota.

Mrs. [redacted] continued that [redacted] is known to her and she is also an alcoholic and is presently [redacted] and both of them are unreliable due to their heavy drinking. Mrs. [redacted] concluded that she could furnish no other information of value concerning her [redacted] and that it is her understanding that [redacted] is presently being investigated by the FBI.

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by SA [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 9/21/73  
SA [redacted] sks

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[redacted] was interviewed at the residence of [redacted] and she emphatically stated she was never in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the American Indian Movement (AIM) occupation and that at that time she was a [redacted] St. Elizabeth State Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota. [redacted] 1973, [redacted]

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During the interview, [redacted] was not entirely responsive to questions and it was obvious that her [redacted] was not conducive to gaining accurate information in this matter and the interview was terminated.

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The following individuals were contacted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SOUTH DAKOTA

On September 18, 1973, [REDACTED] the  
[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is  
[REDACTED] and both  
[REDACTED] St. Elizabeth State Hospital,  
Yankton, South Dakota, [REDACTED] on several  
occasions, the last being [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] would be an  
unreliable individual as far as relating any past  
incidents.

On the same date, [REDACTED] was  
contacted and stated the same [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and at the end of the  
interview, two white males, one age approximately 25 to  
30, 6'0" in height, with bushy light brown hair; and  
another man approximately 50 years of age, with receding  
dark iron gray hair, were seen in her residence.

[REDACTED] SOUTH DAKOTA

On September 18, 1973, [REDACTED] stated  
that [REDACTED] was well known to him and that  
she had a very serious drinking problem which resulted  
in a loss of memory at times and unreliable comments by  
her. At the present time she is staying with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Nebraska. [REDACTED] stated  
that in his opinion any statements she made would be  
unreliable and to rely on her would be a mistake.

[REDACTED] also stays  
with him periodically and that she has a drinking problem  
and would be an unreliable witness.

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Date of transcription 9/21/73

On September 13, 1973, CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE, 504 Second Street, Rushville, Nebraska, telephone number 308-327-2713, was interviewed concerning the activities which began on February 27, 1973, at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, involving the armed takeover by militant American Indian Movement (AIM) members and his having been taken hostage for a period of approximately nine or ten days thereafter. He furnished the following information:

On Tuesday, February 27, 1973, at approximately 7:45 p.m., he was in his home at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, along with his wife, AGNES GILDERSLEEVE, and AMELIA CLARK. They looked out the window and observed a caravan of cars coming down the hill from Pine Ridge, South Dakota. It appeared to him that there were approximately 35 to 50 cars in the caravan and he heard shouting and shooting. He observed that Indians were shooting out lights and shooting at gas pump lights. In a short period of time there were cars all over the streets in Wounded Knee and he observed that they were congregating in front of the Wounded Knee Trading Post and later were pulling on the front door attempting to get in. In a short period of time, the Indians were in the Trading Post and he heard later that they had broken through [redacted] to the Trading Post, and entered the Trading Post that way. They opened the front doors of the Wounded Knee Trading Post and began loading merchandise into cars and he specifically remembers a U-Haul van, which they were loading merchandise in, described as a very muddy looking van and he could not determine the color. The Indians filled up the cars with merchandise all night and through the next morning on February 28, 1973, and loaded the merchandise up to the Catholic Church on the hill in Wounded Knee. During the looting, the Trading Post lights were on and there were two armed guards on both sides of the door directing the removal of merchandise.

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CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE told AGNES GILDERSLEEVE and AMELIA CLARK to turn out the lights in their house and they did.

At approximately 10:00 p.m. or 10:30 p.m. on February 27, 1973, he observed the Indians coming toward the door of his home and then heard a crash through a side window which was butted in with one of the Indians' gun. The Indian who butted the window in ordered them to turn the lights on and open the door. This individual was an Indian whom he does not know from his previous activities in Wounded Knee. He came in the room and said to them, "Do you have any firearms?" He had a loaded gun, however, CLIVE stated that they did not have any weapons. At this time, the Indian stated, "From here on out you will consider yourselves political prisoners and hostages".

Next, the Indians went to WILBUR REIGERT's trailer house and smashed the door open. AMELIA CLARK went over to WILBUR's trailer to see how he was and the Indian guards put him in his wheelchair and took him, [REDACTED] and ordered all of them to go to GILDERSLEEVE's house. One of the guards told them that they would have a guard inside and out at all times and that the guards were to be allowed to go in and out of their house at will. Later the guards told them that they may as well go to bed so CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE and WILBUR REIGERT went to bed. Two guards stayed with them the rest of the night and other guards were in and out of the house all night long.

The next morning, February 28, 1973, at approximately 8:00 a.m., they all got up and cooked breakfast and AMELIA CLARK was concerned about her sister, MARY PIKE, who lived alone and an armed Indian guard took her to MARY PIKE's trailer, at which time they brought MARY back over to the GILDERSLEEVE home. MARY PIKE told AGNES GILDERSLEEVE that she was able to observe the looting of the Trading Post the previous night from her home and watched the Indians loot and tear up WILBUR REIGERT's trailer. She also observed them eating in his trailer. MARY PIKE also told AGNES that she watched them break into the Wounded Knee Museum. She observed them with jewelry, clothes, moccasins, and other merchandise from both the Trading Post and Museum.

Also on the morning of February 28, 1973, they noticed that there were newsmen and photographers all over Wounded Knee. While cooking breakfast on the above morning AGNES GILDERSLEEVE and [redacted] were present when the door opened and an armed Indian female entered and stated that they just had a meeting and told the [redacted] later known to him as [redacted] that he has orders to shoot all hostages. At this point, AGNES GILDERSLEEVE said, "Oh no" and [redacted] pushed the girl out of the door and told her to get out of there. Later on the above morning, [redacted] was brought into the GILDERSLEEVE house by an armed guard and was also considered a hostage. During the period in Wounded Knee, which was approximately nine or ten days, they lived daily with two or more armed guards in the house and they usually stayed in the kitchen.

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CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE stated that STAN HOLDER came in and out of his house all day long and he remembers that one time he asked HOLDER what a political prisoner was and he replied that when the Indians were in Washington, D.C., they would not listen to them and so now the Indians will get at them through "you folks". He also stated that Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was too well fortified so the Indians did not go there.

Also on the morning of February 28, 1973, DENNIS BANKS came in and got AGNES GILDERSLEEVE and asked her to come to WILBUR REIGERT's trailer house, which was used from then on as the AIM leaders' Headquarters.

GILDERSLEEVE advised that the news media were all around Wounded Knee at this time with all types of cameras and equipment, plus two big campers. They took pictures of the Indian activities all day long and he noticed that in the pictures they were taking, the Indians had all types of clothing and merchandise on from the Wounded Knee Trading Post and Museum. He even noticed that WILBUR REIGERT's and [redacted] clothes were on some of the Indians.

The Indian guards told CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE and his companions that they had to allow any of the Indians access to their bathroom at any time they needed the facilities.

On March 1, 1973, Reverend PAUL BOE, whose address is 6905 West 23rd Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, zip code 55426, telephone number 612-545-7985, came in smoking a pipe and said that he received one-half million dollars a year for his expenses from the National Council of Churches (NCC). He advised that they used a million dollars a year for disasters.

DENNIS BANKS, who was in and out of their house, assured him that no one would bother the Wounded Knee Museum and stated that it was being guarded. He advised that Senators ABOUREZK and MC GOVERN came into Wounded Knee and DENNIS BANKS and CLYDE BELLECOUNT brought them into their house where they met them very cordially.

On March 1 or 2, 1973, PEDRO BISSONETTE came to the GILDERSLEEVE home and said the "bigshots" told him to tell them to move to the Catholic Church after supper and to remain there for the night, which they did and it was very cold and miserable. [redacted] refused to go and PEDRO BISSONETTE advised that [redacted]

[redacted] and WILBUR REIGERT could stay at the GILDERSLEEVE house. CLIVE and the others were loaded into a van which included himself, AGNES GILDERSLEEVE, AMELIA CLARK, MARY PIKE, [redacted] and [redacted] and they were taken to the basement of the Catholic Church where they stayed all night. While there, they observed merchandise from the Trading Post all over the church. Some of the Indians there were cooking meals for the guards.

While at the church, they were ordered to sit on a narrow bench from which their feet would not touch the floor and they were very cold all night. AMELIA CLARK, who has an arthritis condition in her back, was being bothered by this and eventually began walking around. One of the Indian girls asked her who told her that she could walk and not to walk around without

permission. When this happened, MARY PIKE began crying. AMELIA CLARK asked the armed guard to take them to the bathroom and this was granted. Indians were sleeping all over the church.

DENNIS BANKS asked AGNES GILDERSLEEVE to accompany him upstairs in the Catholic Church.

On March 2, 1973, he and his companions were all loaded in the van again and taken back to his home.

After this, life went on as before and he remembers that on about the fourth or fifth day of the takeover, AARON DE SERSA came in and AGNES GILDERSLEEVE asked what he was doing here. He advised he was the social relations man for AIM and always had been. During this period, FRANK FOOLS CROW entered his home and held a service with his pipe in his frontroom. DE SERSA remained there the whole day and ate their food. One of the incidents during this period which occurred was when DENNIS BANKS ordered them to get in the bedroom and lie on the floor until they were instructed to do otherwise because they were going to be gassed by the Government. AGNES GILDERSLEEVE asked why they had to go in the bedroom and lie on the floor when some of the AIM Indian girls were not told to do this and the guard stated that they were still "prisoners of war or POW's".

Referring back to February 27, 1973, STAN HOLDER asked CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE who owned the car in their garage and stated that he would have to take the car because they needed it. HOLDER took their car and kept it until the FBI took it away from the Indians, and at which time he understands it was full of molotov bombs and other explosive devices. He advised that the car has never run the same since and that a mechanic told them that the rear housing had been broken and crudely re-welded causing approximately \$600 worth of damage. The car is a 1970 Dodge Polara, four-door, Vehicle Identification Number DM41LOD 109144 and cost them over \$4,000 new.

CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE and his companions left Wounded Knee on March 2, 1973, at approximately 11:00 a.m. after the AIM leaders, RUSSELL MEANS, DENNIS BANKS, and PETER BISSETTE told them that they would have to leave.

[redacted] South Dakota, told them that they would have to leave Wounded Knee because it is too dangerous. [redacted]

[redacted] South Dakota, drove them out of Wounded Knee in his car.

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Date of transcription 9/22/73

On September 17, 1973, CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE, 504 Second Street, Rushville, Nebraska, observed photographs of individuals who were detained at Federal roadblocks outside of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the occupation of Wounded Knee by militant American Indian Movement (AIM) members between February 27, 1973, and May 8, 1973. She identified the following individuals and made the following comments:

AGNES AFRAID OF HAWK

CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE observed her entering and exiting the Wounded Knee Trading Post with sacks of merchandise on around February 28, 1973.

DENNIS BANKS

CLIVE talked to DENNIS BANKS as he was in and out of the GILDERSLEEVE home and advised that BANKS stayed at MARY PIKE's trailer house during the first nine days after February 27, 1973.

[REDACTED]

CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE observed her going in and out of the Wounded Knee Trading Post on February 28, 1973, and March 1, 1973, however, did not observe any merchandise in her possession.

[REDACTED]

She was observed by CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE on approximately February 28, 1973, or March 1, 1973, going in and out of the Trading Post but he did not observe any merchandise in her possession.

CLYDE HOWARD BELLECOURT

He slept in the GILDERSLEEVE home with a female, assumed to be his wife, during the first nine days after February 27, 1973.

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by SA [REDACTED] SKS Date dictated 9/20/73



PEDRO BISSONETTE

He was in and out of the GILDERSLEEVE home during the first nine days after February 27, 1973, and was the "mouth piece for AIM", directing AIM activities and conveying orders to them from DENNIS BANKS and RUSSELL MEANS.



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They were observed by CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE around the Wounded Knee Trading Post during the first nine days after February 27, 1973.

CARTER AUGUSTUS CAMP

He was in and out of the GILDERSLEEVE house and directed AIM activities during the first nine days after February 27, 1973.



He was observed in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the first nine days after February 27, 1973, and was often observed at the Indian roadblocks and taking part in AIM activities. He ate supper with them during the above period. CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE described him as a white man with red hair from Boulder, Colorado.



She was in the GILDERSLEEVE home at which time  PEDRO BISSONETTE and ate meals during the first nine days after February 27, 1973.

STANLEY HOLDER

He was in and out of the GILDERSLEEVE home everyday during the first nine days after February 27, 1973, and was armed with a rifle.

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[redacted] in the GILDERSLEEVE home  
[redacted] and it was learned that he was  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
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She was observed by CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the first nine days after February 27, 1973, however, did not appear to take part in AIM activities.

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They were observed by CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE on February 28, 1973, looting the Wounded Knee Trading Post and he specifically remembers that they had put an [redacted] from the Wounded Knee Trading Post at which time DENNIS BANKS assisted AGNES GILDERSLEEVE in removing the [redacted] while they went in the Trading Post for another load of merchandise.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

He was observed by CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE in and out of the GILDERSLEEVE home and directing AIM activities during the first nine days after February 27, 1973. His office was WILBUR REIGERT's trailer house.

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CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE was present in his home when [redacted] from them.  
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CLIVE observed her in and out of the Trading Post during the period of looting on and after February 27, 1973, however, did not actually observe her with merchandise in her possession.



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CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE observed her loading merchandise from the Wounded Knee, South Dakota, Trading Post into her car on February 28, 1973.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/21/73

On September 13, 1973, AGNES GILDERSLEEVE, 504 Second Street, Rushville, Nebraska, telephone number 308-327-2713, was interviewed concerning the activities which began on February 27, 1973, at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, involving the armed takeover by militant American Indian Movement (AIM) members and her having been taken hostage for a period of approximately nine or ten days thereafter. She furnished the following information:

On February 27, 1973, Tuesday, at approximately 7:45 p.m., she was in her home at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, along with her husband, CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE, and AMELIA CLARK. They looked out the window and observed a caravan of cars coming down the hill from Pine Ridge, South Dakota. It appeared to her that there were approximately 35 to 50 cars in the caravan and she heard shouting and shooting. She observed that Indians were shooting out lights and shooting at gas pump lights. In a short period of time there were cars all over the streets in Wounded Knee and she observed that they were congregating in front of the Wounded Knee Trading Post and later were pulling on the front door attempting to get in. In a short period of time the Indians were in the Trading Post and she heard later that they had broken through the [redacted] to the Trading Post and entered the Trading Post that way. They opened the front doors of the Wounded Knee Trading Post and began loading merchandise into cars and she specifically remembers a U-Haul van, which they were loading merchandise in, described as a very muddy looking van and she could not determine the color. The Indians filled up the cars with merchandise all night and through the next morning on February 28, 1973, and loaded the merchandise up to the Catholic Church on the hill in Wounded Knee. During the looting, the Trading Post lights were on and there were two armed guards on both sides of the door directing the removal of merchandise. She observed a tall slender Indian directing the removal of merchandise who was armed and it appeared to her that this individual was CARTER CAMP, however, she could not be positive of this.

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AGNES GILDERSLEEVE's husband, CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE, told them to turn out the lights in their house which they did and she called the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, shortly after the above activities began and asked for help. Next, she had a conversation with a United States Marshal who asked how he could get into Wounded Knee to assist. He also asked if AGNES wanted to come out of Wounded Knee. She replied yes and stated she was afraid that the Indian would kill them. An individual whom she talked to by the name of [redacted] told her by phone that he would call the FBI. She contacted the FBI by telephone and talked to someone who seemed to know her and she repeatedly called the above people without being able to obtain assistance.

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At approximately 10:00 p.m. or 10:30 p.m. on February 27, 1973, she observed the Indians coming toward the door of her home and then heard a crash through a side window which was butted in with one of the Indian's gun. The Indian who butted the window in ordered them to turn the lights on and open the door. This individual was an Indian whom she does not know from her previous activities in Wounded Knee. He came in the room and said to them, "Do you have any firearms?" She had a loaded gun, however, her husband, CLIVE, stated that they did not have any weapons. At this time the Indian stated, "From here on out you will consider yourselves political prisoners and hostages". She advised that the above described Indian in her opinion was either STAN HOLDER or possibly BOB BURNETT. She further advised that [redacted] would be able to name this individual.

Next, the Indians went to WILBUR REIGERT's trailer house and smashed the door open. AMELIA CLARK went over to WILBUR's trailer to see how he was and the [redacted] and ordered all of them to go to GILDERSLEEVE's house. One of the guards told them they would have a guard inside and out at all times and that the guards were to be allowed to go in and out of their house at will. Later the guards told them that they may as well go to bed so CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE and WILBUR REIGERT went to bed. Two guards stayed with them the rest of the night and other guards were in and out of the house all night long.

The next morning, February 28, 1973, at approximately 8:00 a.m., they all got up and cooked breakfast and AMELIA CLARK was concerned about her sister, MARY PIKE who lived alone and a guard took her to MARY PIKE's trailer, at which time they brought MARY back over to the GILDERSLEEVE's home. MARY PIKE told AGNES GILDERSLEEVE that she was able to observe the looting of the Trading Post the previous night from her home and watched the Indians loot and tear up WILBUR REIGERT's trailer. She also observed them eating in his trailer. MARY PIKE also told AGNES that she watched them break into the Wounded Knee Museum. She observed them with jewelry, clothing, moccasins, and other merchandise from both the Trading Post and Museum.

Also on the next morning of February 28, 1973, they noticed that there were newsmen and photographers all over Wounded Knee. While cooking breakfast on the above morning, she and [redacted] were present when the door opened and an armed Indian female entered and stated that they just had a meeting and told the [redacted] later known to them as [redacted] that he has orders to shoot all hostages. At this point, AGNES GILDERSLEEVE said, "Oh no" and [redacted] pushed the girl out of the door and told her to get out of there. Later on the above morning, [redacted] was brought into the GILDERSLEEVE house by an armed guard and was also considered a hostage.

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During the period in Wounded Knee, which was approximately nine or ten days, they lived daily with two or more armed guards in the house and they usually stayed in the kitchen.

AMELIA CLARK used the GILDERSLEEVE telephone twice and was then ordered not to use the telephone any more. She advised that besides [redacted] the only person whom she can remember as a [redacted] was an individual named [redacted]

AGNES GILDERSLEEVE stated that STAN HOLDER came in and out of her house all day long and she remembers that one time she asked HOLDER what a political prisoner was and he replied that when the Indians were in Washington, D.C., they would not listen to them and so now the Indians will get at them through "you folks". He also stated that Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was too well fortified so the Indians did not go there.

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Also on the above date, DENNIS BANKS came in and got her and asked her to come to WILBUR REIGERT's trailer house, which was used from then on as the American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders' Headquarters. When she arrived, news media were packed in the trailer and DENNIS BANKS advised that he could not get Senators ABOUREZK and MC GOVERN to come into Wounded Knee and said it was up to her to bring them in. At this time, Senator ABOUREZK was on the telephone line and she asked him if he and MC GOVERN would come and talk to the Indians. Senator ABOUREZK replied that he would see what he could do, however, it would probably take a couple days. She advised that the news media were all around Wounded Knee at this time with all types of cameras and equipment, plus two big campers. They took pictures of the Indian activities all day long and she noticed that in the pictures they were taking the Indians had all types of clothing and merchandise on from the Wounded Knee Trading Post and Museum. She even noticed that WILBUR REIGERT's and [redacted] clothes were on some of the Indians. She stated that [redacted] Navy white scarf was around the neck of DENNIS BANKS.

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The Indian guards told her and her companions that they had to allow any of the Indians access to their bathroom at any time they needed the facilities.

ANNIE HUNTS HORSE who had worked for them for 35 years was going to be held by the Indians as a hostage, however, MARY PIKE talked to PEDRO BISSONETTE and persuaded him to let her go.

On either February 28 or March 1, 1973,

[redacted] visited them and at the time, cried and sympathized with them. The above three individuals told AGNES GILDERSLEEVE and her companions that [redacted] had loaded up their cars with merchandise from the Trading Post and advised that they had not stolen any merchandise from the Trading Post.



On March 1, 1973, Reverend PAUL BOE, whose address is 6905 West 23rd Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, zip code 55426, telephone number 612-545-7985, came in smoking a pipe and said that he received one-half million dollars a year for his expenses from the National Council of Churches (NCC). He advised that they used a million dollars a year for disasters. She talked to him privately and asked how he was connected with AIM and he replied that he has known AIM before and goes wherever they go.

DENNIS BANKS who was in and out of their house assured her that no one would bother the Wounded Knee Museum and stated that it was being guarded. She advised that Senators ABUREZK and MC GOVERN came into Wounded Knee and DENNIS BANKS and CLYDE BELLECOURT brought them into their house where they met them very cordially.

On March 1 or 2, 1973, PEDRO BISSONETTE came to the GILDERSLEEVE home and said the "bigshots" told him to tell them to move to the Catholic Church after supper and to remain there for the night, which they did and it was very cold and miserable. [redacted] refused to go and PEDRO BISSONETTE advised that [redacted]

[redacted] and WILBUR REIGERT could stay at the GILDERSLEEVE house. AGNES GILDERSLEEVE and the others were loaded into a van which included herself. CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE, AMELIA CLARK, MARY PIKE, [redacted] and [redacted] and they were taken to the basement of the Catholic Church where they stayed all night. While there, they observed merchandise from the Trading Post all over the church. At the church, AIM members were all over and she specifically remembers observing [redacted]

[redacted] there, and further stated that they were taking part in the Indian activities and eating. Some of the Indians were cooking meals for the guards. While at the church, they were ordered to sit on a narrow bench from which their feet would not touch the floor and they were very cold all night. AMELIA CLARK, who has an arthritis condition in her back, was being bothered by this and eventually began walking around. One of the Indian girls asked her who told her that she could walk and not to walk around without permission. When this happened, MARY PIKE began crying. AMELIA CLARK asked the armed guard to take them to the bathroom and this was granted. Indians were sleeping all over the church.

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DENNIS BANKS asked her to accompany him upstairs in the Catholic Church and when she did, news media with cameras were there asking questions concerning how she was getting along. She stated to them that she was all right because armed guards were all around and she was afraid to say anything else because she feared her life. After this, DENNIS BANKS took her back downstairs.

On March 2, 1973, she and her companions were all loaded in the van again and taken back to her home. On this day, DENNIS BANKS asked if they realized what a charge of kidnapping would do to him; it would mean life imprisonment and stated that they were free to go.

On March 3, 1973, [redacted] attempted to contact the GILDERSLEEVES telephonically and asked the guard who answered the phone who she was speaking to and he replied [redacted] asked his name and he said [redacted] asked AGNES if they were still hostages and she replied "yes". AGNES GILDERSLEEVE advised that apparently [redacted] called the FBI in Pine Ridge after the above telephone call and told them what AGNES had said on the phone.

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On one of the days which AGNES is not sure of, probably between March 2 and 4, 1973, she was taken by an Indian guard to WILBUR REIGERT's trailer where DENNIS BANKS, RUSSELL MEANS, and people from the news media were. She was asked why she had told [redacted] that she was a hostage on the phone and she replied that because they still are. DENNIS BANKS said he thought he had told them that they could go and also said that she had undone all the good she had done so far. RUSSELL MEANS cursed and stated, "Pack that God damn woman up and get her out this night". She replied that she would only go over her dead body. DENNIS BANKS asked her if she would go to the "DMZ" and meet "DA CLAYTON" and she agreed and he stated that she was not a hostage any longer. She agreed and an armed Indian guard accompanied her and Reverend BOE to the "DMZ" where Government Agents searched the guard but not the car and she remembers that the guard had put his gun and gunbelt in the car. At this time she advised Government personnel



that she is no longer a hostage and retracts what she said earlier on the phone. She advised that she was so scared on the trip to the "DMZ" that she was shaking. Next, she was taken back to her home. After this life went on as before and she remembers that on about the fourth or fifth day of the takeover, AARON DE SERSA came in and she asked what he was doing here. He advised her that he was the social relations man for AIM and always had been. During this period, FRANK FOOLS CROW entered her home and held a service with his pipe in her frontroom. DE SERSA remained there the whole day and ate their food. One of the incidents during this period which occurred was when DENNIS BANKS called her over and a guard ordered them to get in the bedroom and lie on the floor until they were instructed to do otherwise because they were going to be gassed by the Government. She asked why they had to go in the bedroom and lie on the floor when some of the AIM Indian girls were not told to do this and the guard stated that they were still "prisoners of war or POW's".

Referring back to the day of February 28, 1973, AGNES GILDERSLEEVE advised that OSCAR HOLLOW HORN, who resides in the Wounded Knee housing area and had been observed by her outside of the Wounded Knee Trading Post, came to her house and asked where the AIM leaders were. She told him where their Headquarters were, at REIGERT's trailer, and is not sure whether HOLLOW HORN went there or not. He had on an overcoat, and a cigar in his mouth and is known to her as an AIM member. She heard that his basement was full of groceries from the Trading Post and he refused to give them to AIM and because of this, had a falling out with AIM. She heard the above from [REDACTED] Nebraska, and [REDACTED] She advised that she would prefer that [REDACTED] was not brought up in this matter, however.

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Referring back to February 27, 1973, AGNES GILDERSLEEVE advised that STAN HOLDER asked her husband, CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE, who owned the car in their garage and he stated that he would have to take the car because they needed it. HOLDER took the car and kept it until the FBI took it away from the Indians and at which time

she understands it was full of molotov bombs and other explosive devices. She advised that the car has never run the same since and that a mechanic told them that the rear housing had been broken and crudely re-welded causing approximately \$600 worth of damage. The car is a 1970 Dodge Polara, four-door, Vehicle Identification Number DM41LOD 109144, and cost them over \$4,000 new.

AGNES GILDERSLEEVE and her companions left Wounded Knee on March 9, 1973, at approximately 11:00 a.m. after the AIM leaders, RUSSELL MEANS, DENNIS BANKS, and PEDRO BISSONETTE told them that they would have to leave. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] South Dakota, told them that they would have to leave Wounded Knee because it is too dangerous.

[REDACTED] South Dakota, drove them out of Wounded Knee in his car.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/22/73

On September 17, 1973, AGNES GILDERSLEEVE, 504 Second Street, Rushville, Nebraska, observed photographs of individuals who were detained at Federal roadblocks outside of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the occupation of Wounded Knee by militant American Indian Movement (AIM) members between February 27, 1973, and May 8, 1973. She identified the following individuals and made the following comments:

AGNES AFRAID OF HAWK

Observed coming out of the Wounded Knee Trading Post with sacks of merchandise on approximately February 28, 1973.

DENNIS BANKS

He entered and exited her home and she carried on conversations with him. She observed merchandise from the Wounded Knee Trading Post in MARY PIKE's trailer while he occupied it.

[redacted]  
Observed on the roof of the Wounded Knee Trading Post subsequent to February 27, 1973. [redacted]  
[redacted] She is not positive whether he was armed or not.

[redacted]  
She was observed in Wounded Knee going in and out of the Trading Post on February 28 and March 1, 1973, however, does not remember whether she carried out any merchandise or not.

[redacted]  
Observed on February 28 and March 1, 1973, coming in and out of the Trading Post; however, does not remember seeing her carrying merchandise.

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[REDACTED]

Observed them in Wounded Knee immediately subsequent to February 27, 1973.

CLYDE HOWARD BRILLECOURT

He was observed in Wounded Knee and was present in their home where he slept with his wife, or a girl who they assumed was his wife.

PEDRO BISSONETTE

He was in and out of their house and was a "mouth piece for AIM". He was observed directing AIM activities and usually took orders from DENNIS BANKS and RUSSELL MEANS and conveyed the orders to them.

[REDACTED]

He was observed in Wounded Knee and in the area of the Trading Post during the first nine days after February 27, 1973.

[REDACTED]

She was observed around the Wounded Knee Trading Post during the first nine days after February 27, 1973.

CARTER AUGUSTUS CAMP

He was in and out of her home and she observed him directing the looting of the Trading Post on the night of February 27, 1973. She believes he was armed.

[REDACTED]

He is a white man with red hair and was in and out of their home in Wounded Knee during the first nine days after February 27, 1973. She often observed him at the Indian roadblocks. He had supper with them during the first nine days after February 27, 1973.

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[redacted] in AGNES GILDERSLEEVE's house with  
and ate there during the first nine  
days of February 27, 1973.

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from WILBUR REIGERT's trailer house  
to sew on his [redacted] MARY asked  
for her and [redacted] claimed it  
When MARY BERT said this, he  
back to [redacted]

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[redacted] in their house [redacted] was  
[redacted] She had a [redacted] conversation  
with [redacted] and that he is a [redacted]  
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[redacted]  
[redacted] observed in Wounded [redacted] during the  
after February 27, 1973. [redacted] talked to  
GILDERSLEEVE, however, [redacted] not observed  
activities.

individual  
and [redacted]  
clock [redacted]  
for [redacted]  
AGNES in  
car.

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GILDERSLEEVE observed [redacted] two  
at the Wounded Knee [redacted] Post  
[redacted] members that they [redacted] antique  
[redacted] of their car and [redacted] they went in  
[redacted] of merchandise, DENNIS [redacted] assisted  
[redacted] the clock out of the [redacted] of their  
car.

CHARLES MEANS

director  
office  
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[redacted] and out of her house [redacted] observed  
[redacted] orders to other [redacted] [redacted]  
[redacted] REIGERT's trailer [redacted] the day the  
after February 27, 1973

[REDACTED]

She was observed cooking groceries from the Wounded Knee Trading Post in MARY PIKE's kitchen for DENNIS BANKS who was occupying MARY PIKE's house.

[REDACTED]

She entered AGNES GILDERSLEEVE's home and

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

AGNES GILDERSLEEVE observed her at the Wounded Knee Trading Post entering and exiting during the period of time that looting was taking place, however, did not actually observe her with merchandise in her possession.

[REDACTED]

He was observed in the GILDERSLEEVE house

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On March 1, 1973, he was observed around the Wounded Knee Trading Post area during the first nine days after February 27, 1973.

[REDACTED]

She was observed on February 28, 1973, loading her car with merchandise from the Wounded Knee Trading Post.

The following individuals' photographs were observed by AGNES GILDERSLEEVE at which time she advised that she knows these people and heard from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the following comments:

[REDACTED]

AGNES GILDERSLEEVE heard she came into Wounded Knee on February 27, 1973, from Pine Ridge, South Dakota, with the AIM Indians.



[redacted]  
[redacted] told AGNES GILDERSLEEVE she was in DEWEY'S HAWK'S house cooking for him. [redacted]

South Dakota, is also aware of the above. [redacted]  
[redacted] previously worked for the GILDERSLEEVEs and is [redacted]

[redacted]  
AGNES GILDERSLEEVE heard from the [redacted] that she entered Wounded Knee, South Dakota, with the AIM Indians on February 27, 1973, and lived in AGNES AFFAID OF HAWK's house after she helped loot the Trading Post.

[redacted]  
AGNES GILDERSLEEVE heard that the above two individuals were in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the takeover by militant AIM members.

[redacted]  
AGNES heard that she came in with the AIM Indians from Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on February 27, 1973, during the armed takeover.

[redacted]  
AGNES GILDERSLEEVE heard that the above two individuals were in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the armed takeover.

[redacted]  
AGNES GILDERSLEEVE heard that she was in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the armed takeover.

[redacted]  
AGNES GILDERSLEEVE heard that they came into Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on February 27, 1973, with the AIM Indians during the armed takeover.




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AGNES GILDERSLEEVE heard that he came into Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on February 27, 1973, during the armed takeover.

AGNES GILDERSLEEVE did not observe a photograph of BOB BURNETT from Rosebud, South Dakota, however, heard from  that he was in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the armed takeover.

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1Date of transcription March 7, 1973

On March 7, 1973, [redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota, advised the following:

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On Tuesday, February 27, 1973, he was in Pine Ridge in the company of a [redacted] and that sometime during the night an individual informed them that Wounded Knee had been occupied by an unknown group of individuals and that the Trading Post had been burned. [redacted] suggested that they go to Wounded Knee to investigate and [redacted] agreed.

They approached Wounded Knee first from the south but were unable to enter the town because a truck was blocking the highway. They then proceeded to a road entering Wounded Knee from the east and drove directly into town. They proceeded to the Trading Post where they stopped and the car was partially surrounded by a group of Indian males. These men were armed with rifles or shotguns and aimed their weapons at [redacted] who was driving the vehicle. One man who was standing outside the driver's side window said to [redacted] that he needed the vehicle to transport a wounded man to the hospital in Pine Ridge. Two Indians helped a third Indian from the Trading Post to the car and he was placed in the passenger side front seat. This man had several towels wrapped around his right hand and the towels were saturated with blood.

They departed Wounded Knee en route to Pine Ridge and the injured man complained numerous times that his hand hurt and that he wanted [redacted] to get him to the hospital as soon as possible.

[redacted] asked the man his name but he did not tell them and only replied that he was from St. Paul. Before arriving at the hospital [redacted] observed the man remove a band band and some articles from his belt and throw these into the back seat. Upon arriving at the hospital the man departed the vehicle and entered the hospital.

[redacted] advised he did not recognize any of the individuals who had surrounded the car at Wounded Knee and further that he had not previously seen the individual that was transported to Pine Ridge by [redacted] and himself.

Interviewed on 3/7/73 at [redacted] South Dakota File # 70-6822  
by [redacted] Date dictated 3/7/73  
[redacted] dsa

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/14/73

On September 7, 1973, [redacted] was contacted at [redacted] South Dakota, regarding his activities during the Wounded Knee confrontation.

[redacted] was advised of his rights by Special Agent [redacted] as these rights are listed on the form entitled, "Interrogation; Advice of Rights". [redacted] stated he wanted to explain his activities and the activities of several others during the Wounded Knee, South Dakota, confrontation, and he wanted to testify to these activities.

[redacted] advised he, during the early part of 1973, was a student at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota. He returned to his residence, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, in early March, 1973, during spring vacation.

He advised that when he returned to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, he started running around with an individual he grew up with by the name of [redacted]

[redacted] also was associating with the following individuals, all American Indian Movement (AIM) sympathizers:

[redacted]

He advised he was involved with these individuals in running supplies into Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the occupation of this village.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] would sneak into Wounded Knee at night and then would sneak out of Wounded Knee with information on a tape, which information would be in the Indian language.

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] sks Date dictated 9/11/73

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[redacted] would give this tape to his [redacted]  
[redacted] then he and [redacted] would take  
this tape to the residence of LEONARD CROW DOG, known as  
Crow Dog's Paradise, Rosebud, South Dakota. These afore-  
mentioned activities took place during the middle of March,  
1973.

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During the latter part of March, 1973, he snuck into  
Wounded Knee, along with [redacted]  
[redacted] to deliver firearms and ammunition to the  
occupants of Wounded Knee. They took in a 30-06 caliber  
scoped rifle, a 12 gauge shotgun, and a .22 caliber bolt  
action rifle. They also took in six boxes of .22 caliber  
shells, two boxes of shotgun shells, and twenty loose shells.

The route they took was as follows:

Started at Porcupine, South Dakota, on foot,  
proceeded across the residence of the father  
of [redacted] about 8:00 p.m. and walked on  
into Wounded Knee arriving there about  
midnight. They had no trouble going in.

They stayed in Wounded Knee about 45 minutes.

They first went to the Catholic Church on top of  
the hill and ate. Then they went to the museum by the Wounded  
Knee Trading Post, which was security headquarters. The  
password to get into the museum was "Crazyhorse".

STAN HOLDER was in the museum and they deposited  
their guns and ammunition at the museum. STAN HOLDER looked  
over the guns. There was at this time a meeting going on  
in the Wounded Knee Trading Post.

MILO GOINGS was standing guard at this meeting,  
carrying a 30-30 caliber rifle with a rope sling.

The following individuals were in attendance  
at this meeting:

RUSSELL MEANS  
LEONARD CROW DOG

[redacted]  
LORELAI DE CORA

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As they prepared to leave to sneak out of Wounded Knee, LEONARD CROW DOG gave [redacted] \$50 to give to the [redacted]

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They then left after midnight and snuck out of Wounded Knee by the same route they snuck into Wounded Knee. They had no trouble as they snuck out of Wounded Knee.

[redacted] advised that the [redacted] South Dakota, to [redacted] to be snuck into Wounded Knee.

He advised that when guns were to be taken into Wounded Knee, the [redacted] would go down by [redacted] and return to his house with several guns. These guns would then be given to whoever was sneaking into Wounded Knee.

He advised the [redacted] kept these guns [redacted] South Dakota, [redacted] South Dakota.

[redacted] advised that in March, 1973, he observed a preacher, from Mission, South Dakota, bring twelve .22 caliber rifles to the [redacted] South Dakota. [redacted] then gave these guns to [redacted] to run into Wounded Knee.

[redacted] took these .22 caliber rifles to the [redacted] South Dakota, where they were subsequently snuck into Wounded Knee.

He advised that in the middle of March, 1973, a black man and a white man driving a brown Cadillac with Oregon license plates, came to the [redacted]. They located [redacted] and showed him that they had a large quantity of food to be taken into Wounded Knee. [redacted] loaded this food into the back of the pickup of [redacted] which food completely filled up the back of this pickup. This food was then taken to the [redacted]

of [redacted] This food was taken to the [redacted] by the preacher from Mission, South Dakota, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that in the latter part of March, 1973, he tried to sneak into Wounded Knee at night, using the same route he used earlier, but he was unable to sneak in because of United States Marshals blocking the route.

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He advised that in the latter part of March, 1973, he went to the residence of LEONARD CROW DOG at Crow Dog's Paradise, Rosebud, South Dakota, with [redacted]

While at CROW DOG's residence, they received a telephone call from RUSSELL MEANS.

RUSSELL MEANS ordered ROBERT BURNETTE, and [redacted] to get a group and march on the Marshal's roadblock at Wounded Knee. BURNETTE and [redacted] would not do this, as they said there would be bloodshed.

RUSSELL MEANS became very angry when BURNETTE and [redacted] would not march on the Marshal's roadblock, and MEANS cursed BURNETTE and [redacted]

The following description of [redacted] was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	[redacted] South Dakota
Height	5'10"
Weight	195
Marital status	Single
Residence	[redacted] South Dakota
Occupation	[redacted]
Education	[redacted] South Dakota University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota - two years.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 9/6/73

THOMAS CONROY, Pine Ridge Agency, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, telephone number 605-867-5145, furnished the following information regarding Census and Enrollment records:

CONROY advised that he is the Pine Ridge Agency Realty Officer and has the responsibility for the Census and Enrollment records of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and would be the individual to be subpoenaed to bring the records into court for the verification of the enrollment status of an Indian. CONROY advised that his [redacted]

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CONROY advised that in 1934 all Indians carried on the rolls of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation were automatically enrolled. Subsequent to 1934, an Indian born on the Reservation and at least one-fourth Indian blood was enrolled upon an application. If a Pine Ridge Reservation Indian gives birth to a child off the Reservation, the name must be approved by the Tribal Council.

CONROY advised that he can determine the status of an Indian who is not enrolled on the Pine Ridge Reservation by contacting the Area Office in Aberdeen, South Dakota, which handles the eight agencies in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. He believes that the Area Office in Aberdeen furnishes enrollment information to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in Washington, D.C., which maintains a national listing of all enrolled Indians.

CONROY stated that the Census and Enrollment records can be reviewed by anyone on a need-to-know basis.

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by SA [redacted] sks Date dictated 9/2/73



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Date of transcription 9/5/73

[redacted] Census and Enrollment  
[redacted] Pine Ridge Agency, Pine Ridge, South Dakota,  
furnished the following information from her records:

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Name: [redacted]  
Race: American Indian, four-fourths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [redacted]  
Date of birth: [redacted]

Name: PEDRO BISSONETTE  
Race: American Indian, three-fourths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: U-17620  
Date of birth: April 20, 1944

Name: [redacted]  
Race: American Indian, three-fourths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [redacted]  
Date of birth: [redacted]

Name: [redacted]  
Race: American Indian, five-sixteenths,  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [redacted]  
Date of birth: [redacted]

Name: [redacted]  
Race: American Indian, four-fourths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [redacted]  
Date of birth: [redacted]

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Name: WARFIELD GOINGS  
Race: American Indian, thirteen-sixteenths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: U-17807  
Date of birth: April 21, 1945

Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: American Indian, twenty-five-thirty  
seconds Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]

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Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: American Indian, three-eighths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]  
Registered Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: American Indian, twenty-three-thirty  
seconds Oglala-Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]  
Registered Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: American Indian, nine-sixteenths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]  
Registered Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: American Indian, fifteen-sixteenths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]

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Name: HOBART C. KEITH  
Race: American Indian, five-sixteenths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: U-10909  
Date of birth: March 8, 1922

Name: [REDACTED]  
Registered Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: American Indian, four-fourths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]

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Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: American Indian, seven-eighths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]  
Registered Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: American Indian, four-fourths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]  
Registered Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: American Indian, seven-sixteenths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Name: WILLIAM ALLEN MEANS  
Race: American Indian, fifteen-thirty seconds  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: N-60984  
Date of birth: August 9, 1946

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Name: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
Race: American Indian, fifteen-thirty seconds  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: U-16542  
Date of birth: November 10, 1939

Name: [REDACTED]  
Registered Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: American Indian, thirteen-sixteenths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]

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Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: American Indian, one-fourth  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: American Indian, seven-eighths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]  
Registered Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: American Indian, three-fourths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: American Indian, four-fourths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Name: [redacted]  
Race: American Indian, four-fourths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [redacted]  
Date of birth: [redacted]

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Name: [redacted]  
Race: American Indian, fifteen-sixteenths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [redacted]  
Date of birth: [redacted]

Name: [redacted]  
Race: American Indian, seven-eighths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [redacted]  
Date of birth: [redacted]

Name: [redacted]  
Race: American Indian, four-fourths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [redacted]  
Date of birth: [redacted]

Name: [redacted]  
Race: American Indian, four-fourths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [redacted]  
Date of birth: [redacted]

Name: [redacted]  
Race: American Indian, thirty one-thirty  
seconds Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [redacted]  
Date of birth: [redacted]

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Name: [redacted]  
Race: American Indian, one-eighth  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [redacted]  
Date of birth: [redacted]

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Name: [redacted]  
Race: American Indian, four-fourths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [redacted]  
Date of birth: [redacted]

Name: [redacted]  
Registered name: [redacted]  
Race: American Indian, eleven-sixteenths  
Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [redacted]  
Date of birth: [redacted]

Name: [redacted]  
Registered Name: [redacted]  
Race: American Indian - twenty five-thirty  
seconds Oglala Sioux  
Enrollment Number: [redacted]  
Date of birth: [redacted]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription August 12, 1973

[redacted] States Attorney  
Officer, Special Investigative Agent, subsequent to the  
identification of the interviewing Agents, furnished the  
following information:

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[redacted] advised that he had received information  
from a confidential source of Rapid City, South Dakota, the  
night before February 9, 1973, concerning the civil disturbances  
at Rapid City, South Dakota, by American Indian Movement (AIM)  
members. According to [redacted] information that he had  
received from this source was to the effect that BANKS and  
MEANS were at a meeting allegedly where drugs were being used  
and as a result of the conversation, were going to "hit"  
Rapid City, Kadoka, and other cities in order to pull the  
National Guard out of Custer County, South Dakota, and then  
the Indians would hit Custer County, South Dakota.

According to [redacted] this source has been  
very reliable in the past, but will not testify, therefore,  
source's identity is being kept confidential.

Interviewed on 8/8/73 at [redacted] South Dakota File # MP 70-6882  
by SA [redacted] /mjs Date dictated 8/8/73



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On September 24, 1973, Special Agent [redacted] contacted [redacted] Farmers State Bank, who advised that at approximately 2:30 p.m. on August 13, 1973, BILL and TED MEANS and an unidentified Indian male came into the bank and demanded a \$1,500.00 check be cashed. [redacted] advised the MEANS that the check, which he was told arrived in the mail the same date, would have to be sent for collection. The three left and thereafter returned with two additional Indians and all five entered into an argument with [redacted] using abusive language and making threats; [redacted] stated, however, no bodily harm was directly threatened.

After arguing a short while, BILL MEANS left with one of the Indians and told the remaining three, "We'll go get some help, you stay here". A short time later, approximately 13 Indian males arrived and a short time after that another 15 arrived. [redacted] stated many of the Indians were wearing knives, although he did not observe any weapons. He recognized RUSSELL MEANS as one of the individuals and when he first saw him (MEANS), he motioned "hello" to him to which MEANS yelled loudly, "Don't say hello to me" in a belligerent way. [redacted] finally decided to cash the check to avoid possible violence.

The following information was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

SOUTH DAKOTA

On August 30, 1973, and September 22, 1973, [redacted] South Dakota, Indian Reservation, advised that RUSSELL MEANS held a press conference that date and announced he will run in opposition to Pine Ridge Tribal President, RICHARD WILSON. MEANS stated his platform will be treaties and sovereignty. The primary election for Tribal President is December 15, 1973, and January 15, 1973, according to [redacted]

SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-1625)

10/18/73

SAC, DENVER (157-1144)(RUC)

[REDACTED]  
EM - AIA  
OO: OKLAHOMA CITY

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Re Oklahoma City letter to Denver, 8/17/73.

On 9/20/73, [REDACTED]  
University of Denver (DU), Denver, Colorado, advised there  
was no record that [REDACTED]  
at DU, however, registration for the fall semester was  
being completed that day and the fall registration roster  
was incomplete.

On 10/12/73, a source in a position to furnish  
reliable information advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at DU  
on [REDACTED] She is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] She currently  
resides at [REDACTED] Colorado, telephone  
[REDACTED]

2 - Oklahoma City (RM)  
① - Minneapolis (Info)(RM)  
1 - Denver  
BDA:sas  
(4)

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600 PM 10-25-73 NITEL MCA

TO DIRECTOR 100-462483)

MINNEAPOLIS

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (RCCP) (157-1458) (P)

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT, EM - AIM.

RE MP NITEL DATED 10-24-73.

ON 10-25-73,

RC POLICE

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DEPARTMENT, ADVISED THAT DURING THE EARLY EVENING HOURS OF 10-24-73, RUSSELL MEANS CLYDE AND VERNAN BELLECOURT, ALONG WITH MARK LANE, ATTORNEY FOR THE LEGAL OFFENSE DEFENSE COMMITTEE, HELD A MEETING AT THE INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN OFFICE LOCATED AT 721 MAIN STREET, RC, SD. THIS MEETING WAS A PUBLIC MEETING ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 150 INDIVIDUALS.

AT THE MEETING RUSSELL MEANS TALKED ABOUT HIS FORTHCOMING CAMPAIGN FOR PRESIDENT OF THE PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION AND REQUESTED THE SUPPORT OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION.

DENNIS BANKS ANNOUNCED BEFORE THE GROUP THE RAPID CITY IS NEUTRAL GROUND AND THAT ANY ACTION ON THE PART OF THE INDIANS SHOULD BE "KEPT COOL". MARK LANE PUBLICALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE WOUNDED KEE LEGAL OFFENSE DEFENSE COMMITTEE IS IN AGREEMENT WITH BANKS' STATEMENT, IN THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE THE FINANCIAL FUNDS OR THE TIME BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY ADDITIONAL ARREST SITUATION.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT SHORTLY AFTER THIS MEETING, A FIST FIGHT BROKE OUT BETWEEN TWO OF THE INDIANS. AS A RESULT OF THE DISTURBANCE

END OF ONE

*Handwritten notes:*  
1-157-1458 (mem)  
1-157-722 (C. Bell)  
1-70-6864 (Banks)  
1-70-6866 (C. Bell)  
1-70-6849 (V.)  
1-70-6882 (means)

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LOCAL BARS ON MAIN STREET CLOSED THEIR BUSINESS PLACES FOR THE REST OF THE EVENING. LOCAL POLICE RESPONDED TO DISTURBANCE, HOWEVER, VICTIM REFUSED TO IDENTIFY PERSON WHO STUCK HIM, REFUSED TO SIGN ANY COMPLAINT AND STATED THE INCIDENT WAS SIMPLY A MISUNDERSTANDING. POLICE OFFICERS ASKED THE CROWD TO DISPERSE, WHICH THEY DID, AND NO OTHER INCIDENTS OCCURRED.

ON 10-25-73 ARGUMENTS FOR CHANGE OF VENUE COMPLETED AND USDC JUDGE FRED NICHOL, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, RULED THAT IF CASES ASSIGNED TO HIM, TRIALS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN USDC, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, FOR THE LEADERS. TRIAL FOR DENNIS BANKS AND RUSSELL MEANS TO COMMENCE 1-8-74.

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Date: 10/19/73

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882)  
(ATTN: RAPID CITY COMMAND POST)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (176-210)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS,  
CIR - ARL;  
IMPEDING FEDERAL OFFICERS  
ET AL

Re Minneapolis airtel to San Francisco, 10/8/73.

On 10/17/73 Mrs. [redacted] San Leandro Police  
Department, [redacted] stated their files are  
purged after ten years so record is not available.b6  
b7CAfter unsuccessful attempts at another agency,  
[redacted]California, advised on 10/19/73 that Subject had been  
found guilty of petty theft on 3/25/57 and placed on  
probation until 8/1/58. Probation was extended beyond one  
year because Subject was found guilty of petty theft on  
7/31/57 as a result of an incident on 7/14/57.LEADSAN FRANCISCOAT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. Will report results of  
college checks.③ - Minneapolis (1 - 157-1460)  
2 - San Francisco  
FTF/dlb  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 10/19/73

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(ATTN: RAPID CITY COMMAND POST)

FROM: SAC, WFO (70-3115) (RUC)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
CIR-ARL;  
IMPEDING FEDERAL OFFICERS  
ET AL

Re Minneapolis airtel to San Francisco, 10/8/73.

Enclosed for Minneapolis is one photograph of  
subject and a Xerox copy of MPD arrest report for subject's  
arrest of 9/22/71.Check of MPD criminal records reflect case was  
"no papered".② Minneapolis (Enc. 2)  
1-WFODPH:twk  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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PROSECUTION REPORT

PD FORM 185 REVISED 3/70

1. PROSECUTOR'S CHARGES		2. COMPLAINT NO. 494-381	
3. I.D. NUMBER 253183		4. ARREST NO. 2D-9257	
5. T. T. NO.		6. CID NUMBER	
7. SOC. SEC. NO. 569-54-5963			

8. DEFENDANT'S TRUE NAME (Last, First, Middle) ID ONLY Means, Russell Charles	
9. DEFENDANT'S NAME (Last, First, Middle) Means, Russell Charles	
10. ALIASES OR NICKNAME None	
11. ADDRESS 2600 Church Avenue, N.W. Cleveland, Ohio	
12. SEX M	
13. RACE Ind.	
14. DATE OF BIRTH 11-10-39	
15. CITY AND STATE OF BIRTH Pine Ridge, S. Dakota	
16. TIME IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 2 days	
17. CO-DEFENDANTS: NUMBER IF MORE THAN 4 CO-DEFENDANTS, LIST NAME & ADDRESSES OF OTHERS IN STATEMENT OF FACTS SEC.	
18. NAME AND ADDRESS	
19. POLICE CHARGE(S)	

20. LOCATION OF OFFENSE 1951 CONSTITUTION AVE NW		DATE 9-22-71	TIME 1100HRS
21. LOCATION OF ARREST 1951 CONSTITUTION AVE NW		DATE 9-22-71	TIME 1100HRS
22. DEFENDANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS		23. ASSISTING OFFICER'S NAME, RANK, BADGE NO. & UNIT OR AGENCY	
DATE 9/22/71	TIME 12:50		

NAME (Last, First, Middle)	ADDRESS	AGE	HOME PHONE	BUSINESS PHONE
1				
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3				
4				

26. PROPERTY STOLEN (✓ IF YES □) AND RECOVERED (✓ IF YES □) / OR ITEMS OF EVIDENCE			
(a) IDENTIFICATION	(b) HOW, WHERE, WHEN RECOVERED	(c) FROM WHOM	(d) If Stolen
1			
2			
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27. WORK HISTORY (INCLUDE PRESENT JOB, IF ANY ON LINE 1)			
FROM - DATES - TO	EMPLOYER	BUS. PHONE	OCCUPATION
4/69	Present Cleveland Amer. Indian Center	2600 Church Ave., NW 216 621-0682	Exec. Director
5/68	2/70 Council for Econ. Opportunity	Cleveland, Ohio 312 W. 3rd Street 696-9077	Accountant
6/66	4/68 Rose Bud Sioux Tribe	Rose Bud, S. Dakota	Dir. of Systems

28. ARREST RECORD SUMMARY		29. M.O. (Weapons or Instruments used, Hangouts and Habits) Plays Golf, enters Rodeo	30. RIGHT THUMB PRINT
Los Angeles, California	2		
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31. FAMILY AND RELATIVES

RELATIONSHIP	AGE	NAME (Last, First & M.I.)	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
father		Deceased Walter Means		
			IOWA	Unk.

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32. FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES

NAME (Last, First & M.I.)	AGE	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
		Unk.	Unk.
		Unk.	Unk.
		Unk.	Unk.

33. ATTACHMENTS BROUGHT TO PROSECUTOR: (Check)

<input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUATION REPORT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOCAL RECORD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARREST REPORT	<input type="checkbox"/> F B I RECORD
<input type="checkbox"/> OFFENSE REPORT	<input type="checkbox"/> STATEMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPLEMENT REPORT	<input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFICATE OF NO
<input type="checkbox"/> SEARCH WARRANT	<input type="checkbox"/> GUN LICENSE
<input type="checkbox"/> ARREST WARRANT	<input type="checkbox"/> CITATION

34. DRAFT STATUS: NO. & ADDRESS OF LOCAL DRAFT BOARD

4F Hayward, California

35. SELECTIVE SERVICE NO. OR ARMED FORCES SERIAL NO.

Unk.

36. MILITARY EXPERIENCE: BRANCH OF SERVICE & DATES FROM - TO

N/A

37. DATE OF INDUCTION

N/A

38. DATE AND TYPE OF DISCHARGE

N/A

39. STATEMENT OF FACTS Give a brief statement, in your own words, of the facts surrounding the offence and the arrest. Indicate oral or written statement made by the defendant(s). Use Continuation Form PD 202 A for additional space. Note present condition of any injured person(s).

Referral/Consult

40. FOR PROSECUTORS USE

41. FINAL DISPOSITION

42. SIG. OF

DATE

9-22-71

OFFICIAL

DATE

9-22-71

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NR 533 IN PLAIN

4:48 PM URGENT 12/11/73 EJP

TO: DIRECTOR (157-28758)

ATTENTION: SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
AND INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

MINNEAPOLIS (78-6882)

FROM: OMAHA (78-1597) (P) IP

DARTER AUGUSTUS CAMP; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLYDE HOWARD BELLECOURT - VICTIM; CIR - ADV

TODAY [REDACTED] AUSA, DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA, AT OMAHA,

NEBRASKA, REQUESTED PRESENCE OF SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SOUTH DAKOTA, AT [REDACTED]

NEBRASKA.

AUSA [REDACTED] ADVISED INTENDS TO SEE SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RUSSELL HEANS CONCERNING HEANS' KNOWLEDGE

OF SUBJECT [REDACTED]

CLYDE BELLECOURT,

ROSEBUD RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND TO THE FACT THE SHOOTING  
OCCURRED ON GOVERNMENT RESERVATION.

INFORMATION ABOVE TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED MINNEAPOLIS

AND IN TURN SA [REDACTED] SOUTH DAKOTA, WHO, UACB,

[REDACTED] NEBRASKA, AS REQUESTED.

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# Ban on AIM Chiefs Denied

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP)

A federal judge in Sioux Falls, S.D., rejected a government attempt Monday to keep three American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders off the strife-ridden Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwest South Dakota.

The effect of the ruling was to allow Russell Means, Dennis Banks and Leonard Crow Dog to enter the reservation for the funeral today of Pedro Bissonette. The 29-year-old AIM leader was shot and killed on the reservation last week by Bureau of Indian Affairs policemen attempting to apprehend him on fugitive warrants.

Trouble flared for the second time in five days when two BIA policemen were wounded Sunday night as they tried to stop a car they thought was carrying persons involved in an assault on five young Indian men earlier in the day. A BIA official said Monday he suspected AIM members were responsible for the latest shootings.

In the courtroom of U.S. District Judge Fred Nichol, the government sought a motion asking

the three AIM leaders to show cause why a condition preventing them from entering the reservation should not be added to their bonds. All three are free on bond on charges stemming from the 71-day occupation of Wounded Knee, S.D., earlier this year.

Nichol denied the request for an amendment, although he said he did so "with regret" because he feared for the safety of the AIM members on the reservation. The AIM leaders had said they planned to bring "hundreds of Indians" to the reservation for Bissonette's funeral to "protect the justice of AIM sympathizers" on the reservation.

"I do this with the hope that it will be a peaceful demonstration, if there is a demonstration," Nichol said.

Nichol ruled that the only ground for setting bond conditions is to ensure that the defendants will appear in court.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

14 St. Paul Pioneer  
Press  
St. Paul, Minn.

Date: Oct. 23, 1973

Edition: Morning

Author:

Editor: Donald J. O'Grady

Title: AIM

Character:

or

Classification: 157-1458

Submitting Office: Minneapolis

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1-157-1460 (Means)  
 ② 70-6882  
 1-157-846  
 1-70-6864 (Banks)  
 1-70-7041  
 1-157-1560 (Crow Dog)



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## Judge lets 3 leaders of AIM go to funeral

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (UPI) — Three American Indian Movement leaders were to attend the funeral today of Pedro Bissonette, despite the expressed concern by a federal judge that someone might "get shot."

U.S. District Court Judge Fred Nichol at a hearing in Sioux Falls yesterday denied a government request that AIM leaders Russell Means, Dennis Banks and Leonard Crow Dog be barred from the Pine Ridge Oglala Sioux Indian Reservation.

Means, Banks, Crow Dog, and Bissonette were leaders of the 71-day armed occupation last spring of Wounded Knee.

Dick Wilson, Sioux tribal president and a bitter enemy of AIM, has said that any outside force entering the reservation would be doing so "at their own risk."

A Bureau of Indian Affairs spokesman said last night that some of the 75 persons inside the area where Bissonette's wake was being held were observed with guns.

The spokesman said "We have no plans at this time to call in FBI agents or U.S. marshals." He said BIA police were "on alert."

Bissonette, 33, was killed last Wednesday. BIA officials said he was shot after he resisted arrest. Bissonette was allegedly threatening to shoot a BIA officer at the time of his death.



Associated Press  
RUSSELL MEANS (LEFT), AND DENNIS BANKS  
The AIM leaders are free to enter Pine Ridge

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1Y Minneapolis Star  
—Minneapolis, Minn.

Date: Oct. 23, 1973

Edition: Evening

Author:

Editor: Robert C. King

Title: AIM

Character:

or

Classification: 157-1458

Submitting Office: Minneapolis

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1-70-7041 Crow Dog

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1-157-846 Banks

1-157-1580 Crow Dog

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6832 Sub P)

10/26/73

SA TRENWITH S. BASFORD

WOUNDED KNEE

On 10/26/73, [redacted] Investigative Division, SOG, by telephone advised SAC JOSEPH H. TRIMBACH that a letter had been received from the Assistant Attorney General A. G. PETERSEN, requesting that prosecutive summaries be prepared in relation to the following leaders in instant case:

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RUSSELL MEANS  
DENNIS BANKS  
CLYDE BELLECOURT  
STANLEY HOLDER  
CARTER CAMP  
LEONARD CROW DOG

The letter from the department will be forwarded to Minneapolis and per [redacted] request, the letter should be included in the prosecutive summary as the basis of the predication for writing the summary. The format for prosecutive summary is set forth in Agent's Handbook, Section 1, Page 71. The summary should set forth charges (indictment) against the subject and should cover all elements needed to prove the violation. The summary can contain references as to the location in various reports where the complete text or 302 that is being summarized can be located. This procedure is of course for the assistance of the U.S. Attorney, and the source of the complete text would be in materials in possession of U.S. Attorney, Sioux Falls. Deadline for submission of summary reports re MEANS and BANKS is 11/30/73. *AC*

7 - Minneapolis  
    (1 - 70-6882) (RUSSELL MEANS)  
    (1 - 70-6864) (DENNIS BANKS)  
    (1 - 70-6866) (CLYDE BELLECOURT)  
    (1 - 70-6868) (STANLEY HOLDER)  
    (1 - 70-6869) (CARTER CAMP)  
    (1 - 70-6041) (LEONARD CROW DOG)

TSB:kao

(7) *[initials]*

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October 19, 1973

William J. Srsatka,  
Clerk

United States of America,

Plaintiff

CR 73-5035

CR 73-5063

vs.

ORDER

Russell Means,

Defendant

United States of America,

Plaintiff

CR 73-5034

CR 73-5062

CR 73-5078

vs.

ORDER

Dennis Banks,

Defendant

United States of America,

Plaintiff

CR 73-5077

vs.

ORDER

Leonard Crow Dog,

Defendant

Pursuant to the Motion of the United States Attorney's Office in and for the District of South Dakota, the Court being fully advised in the premises and for good cause shown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the defendants above named appear before this Court on the 22nd day of October, 1973 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. to show cause why the conditions of release relative to said defendants release on bond should not be amended to prohibit their going to or entering upon said Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and it is further

ORDERED that said defendants be and are hereby prohibited from returning to or going upon the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation



BY THE COURT:

FRED J. NICHOL

Chief Judge

ATTEST:

WILLIAM J. SRSTKA

Clerk

(SEAL OF COURT)

By

Deputy

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA } SS:  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA }

I, WILLIAM J. SRSTKA, Clerk of  
the United States District Court  
for the District of South Dakota,  
hereby certify that the above and  
foregoing is a true copy of the  
original now on file in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto subscribed my name and  
affixed the seal of the Court, at  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this  
19th day of Oct., 1923

William J. Srstka  
Clerk

BY: Edw. A. Nathan  
Deputy

10/23/73

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (70-245) (P)  
RE: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
EM - AMI  
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

On 10/23/73, a source in a position to provide reliable information, who has done so in the past, advised that RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS would be speaking on the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio, campus on 11/16/73, and that this talk is to be sponsored by the University of Toledo Student Body Government. The source did not know what the content of MEANS' speech is to include.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Source mentioned in airtel is

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LEADS

CLEVELAND:

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

Will contact logical sources in order to determine the purpose and content of the talk by RUSSELL MEANS.

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- ① - Minneapolis (RM)
- 2 - Cleveland

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To: SAC, Minneapolis (70-6862)

Date 10/26/73

From: Director, FBI (176-2404)

~~PERSONAL ATTENTION~~

**WOUNDED KNEE**

ReBuletal 10/26/73, to SAC, Minneapolis.

Enclosed for Minneapolis are two copies of a self-explanatory letter captioned, "Wounded Knee Leadership Cases" from the Criminal Division of the Department dated 10/25/73, requesting prosecutive summary reports in the cases involving the leadership figures who participated in the Wounded Knee, South Dakota incident.

Each prosecutive summary report prepared is to be predicated in the initial paragraph of details upon the enclosed Departmental letter. A copy of this letter is to be enclosed in the details of each report prepared. Designate one copy of each report for the attention of the Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

Three copies of each prosecutive summary report are to be forwarded promptly to FBIHQ by cover airtel to the attention of the General Crimes Unit, Criminal Section, General Investigative Division.

Attach a routing slip with the notation, "When received at the Bureau, hand carry to General Crimes Unit, Room 2286, Justice Building" so that prompt dissemination can be made to the Department.

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Henry H. Patterson  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

Special Area Leadership Cases

Please prepare a comprehensive summary of the evidence available to prove the charges against Russell Means, Dennis Banks, Clyde McMillant, Stanley Baker, George Crow and Leonard Crow Dog (the so-called leadership figures). It would be appreciated if you would furnish a copy of such summary to the Criminal Division and to the United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6832 SUB P)

DATE: 10/30/73

FROM : SA JOHN E. MC CARTY

SUBJECT: WOUNDED KNEE

As is set forth in the attached letter from the Department to the Director and the Bureau airtel to Minneapolis, it is necessary to prepare a prosecutive summary report on all the leadership figures who were involved in the Wounded Knee incident.

The Agents to whom these cases have been assigned for the preparation of the summary reports should refer to Section I, page 71 of the Handbook for the format for prosecutive summaries. Each Agent should insure that he sets out the elements of the various offenses charged and the available proof of violation of the various elements. The indictments themselves should also be set out in the reports. Particular attention should be paid to any statements made by the subjects prior to the Wounded Knee takeover which tended to show their intentions at that time. The witnesses as to each subject should be included in the report together with a summary of what each can testify to.

These summaries must be prepared and available to forward to the Bureau no later than 11/23/73. It is imperative that this deadline be met.

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848PM NITEL 11/1/73 MES

TO MINNEAPOLIS (70-6832)

RAPID CITY

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

PERSONAL ATTENTION

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, AKA; CIR - BURGLARY AND LARCENY; ARL;  
AFO; CONSPIRACY; IFO; UPOF. OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

REMPAIRTEL 10/25/73, MPTEL 10/30/73, AND BUTEL CAL 10/31/73.

THIS WILL CONFIRM REBUTELCAL. ON 10/31/73, REPRESENTATIVES OF  
THE OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND THE GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION,  
FBIHQ, MET WITH CARL W. BELCHER, CHIEF OF THE GENERAL CRIMES SECTION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. BELCHER WAS SHOWN COPIES OF LETTER  
FROM SAC TO WILLIAM F. CLAYTON DATED 10/9/73, ORDER OF FRED J.  
NICHOL, CHIEF JUDGE, USDC, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, DATED 10/16/73, AND  
LETTER BY AUSA R. D. HURD PREPARED FOR USA CLAYTON DATED 10/10/73.  
BELCHER WAS ADVISED THAT IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH USA'S REQUEST,  
SAC HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH USA CLAYTON AND AUSA HURD WHO  
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REQUESTED SUMMARIES OF ALL INFORMANT INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE FIELD. BELCHER WAS ADVISED THE USA HAD INDICATED IDENTITIES OF INFORMANTS COULD BE CONCEALED BUT INDICATED THE SUMMARIES MIGHT BE GIVEN TO THE USDJ FOR HIS REVIEW IN CAMERA AT A LATER DATE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ANY OF THE INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO DEFENSE COUNSEL IN ORDER TO PROTECT DEFENDANTS' RIGHTS. BELCHER WAS TOLD THIS WOULD BE A MAJOR PROJECT TO ASSEMBLE THESE SUMMARIES AND WOULD SET A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT SINCE THE NATURE OF INFORMATION WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY TEND TO IDENTIFY SOME OF THE INFORMANTS.

BELCHER FURNISHED THE OPINION THAT FBI NEED NOT COMPLY WITH USA'S REQUEST AS TO DO SO WAS PREMATURE AND NOT WARRANTED AND IN FACT THIS COURSE OF ACTION MAY NEVER BE NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDER ISSUED 10/16/73 BY CHIEF JUDGE FRED J. NICHOL IN USDC, SD.

IN LIEU OF REQUEST OF USA, BELCHER ADVISED THE FBI WAS TO PROCEED PROMPTLY IN PREPARATION OF THE PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORTS OF EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO PROVE CHARGES AGAINST MEANS, BANKS, AND OTHER SO-CALLED LEADERSHIP FIGURES WHICH WAS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT 10/25/73. INSURE ABOVE INFORMATION IS PERSONALLY FURNISHED TO USA CLAYTON FOR HIS GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION.

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823PM URGENT 10-30-73 AGL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

AND GENERAL CRIMES UNIT

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 70-6882 (P) 7P

RUSSELL MEANS, CIR - ARL; IFO - CONSPIRACY; ET AL.

RE MINNEAPOLIS AIRTEL 10-25-73.

REFERENCED AIRTEL FORWARDED TO HEADQUARTERS COMMUNICATIONS FROM U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WITH A COPY OF COURT ORDER, CONCERNING PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH TRIAL OF RUSSELL MEANS AND OTHER AIM LEADERS.

USA WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THAT IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH COURT ORDER HE WILL NEED EXTENSIVE SUMMARIES OF ALL INFORMANT INFORMATION WHERE THE INFORMATION CONCERNS MILITANT ACTIVITY OR PLANS OF AIM PERSONNEL THAT CULMINATED IN THE TAKEOVER OF WOUNDED KNEE.

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IN THE EVENT THE USDC JUDGE IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE REVIEW OF THE SUMMARIES BY THE USA AS PREPARED BY THE FBI, IT MAY BE NECESSARY THAT THE USA OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE REVIEW THE ACTUAL FILE AND USA'S OFFICE WILL THEN REPORT TO THE COURT CONCERNING THAT REVIEW. IT IS ALSO THE PEROGATIVE OF THE COURT TO DEMAND TO SEE THE ORIGINAL FILE.

THE USA HAS STATED HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN THE IDENTITIES OF THE INFORMANTS, HOWEVER, THE SUMMARIES ARE TO BE IN DETAIL SO HE CAN SATISFY THE COURT THAT ALL EXCULPATORY MATERIAL OR OTHER INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE KNOWN TO THE DEFENSE HAS BEEN DISCLOSED TO THE COURT. THE SUMMARIES SHOULD THEREFORE CONTAIN AT LEAST, BUT NOT TO THE EXCLUSION OF OTHER MATERIALS, THE DATES AND PLACES WHERE THE INFORMANTS ACQUIRED INFORMATION AND THE DATES IT WAS FURNISHED TO THE AGENT, THE PLACES OF ACTIVITIES REFERRED TO AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO ENABLE THE PERSON READING THE SUMMARIES TO RELATE THE FACTS IN THE SUMMARIES TO THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE TAKEOVER.

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A TEMPORARY SYMBOL NUMBER CAN BE ASSIGNED AND USED IN THE SUMMARY.

WHERE THE INFORMANTS' REPORTS CONTAIN INFORMATION WHERE THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE SUCH THAT A MERE READING OF THE INFORMATION WOULD TEND TO JEOPARDIZE THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INFORMANTS'

IDENTITY, THIS FACT SHOULD BE CLEARLY SET OUT IN THE LETTERHEAD MEMO SO THE USA WILL BE ALERTED TO THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE COMMUNICATION.

BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME OF THE TRIAL, INFORMATION IN THE SUMMARIES, OR FROM THE INFORMANT FILES IF THE COURT REQUESTS THAT THE USA REVIEW THE INFORMANT FILES, WILL BE DISCLOSED ONLY TO THE JUDGE OF THE USDC. THEREAFTER THE COURT CAN OF COURSE ORDER DISCLOSURE OF FACTS DEEMED ESSENTIAL TO THE DEFENSE.

MR. CLAYTON'S REQUEST AND THAT OF HIS ASSISTANT, AUSA RICHARD D. HURD, IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING WITH SUMMARIES STARTING ON 1-1-73 AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE TIME OF THE TRIALS (RUSSELL MEANS AND DENNIS BANKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE TRIED IN ST. PAUL IN EARLY 1-74) THEY WOULD REVIEW THE SUMMARIES SHOWING CONTACT WITH ANY FBI INFORMANT OR SOURCE WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE MILITANT ACTIVITY OR PLANS OF AIM PERSONNEL THAT CULMINATED IN THE TAKEOVER OF WOUNDED KNEE. THIS WOULD INCLUDE

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INFORMANTS AND SOURCES WHO CAME TO WOUNDED KNEE FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND WHO REPORTED THE RESULTS OF THEIR OBSERVATIONS AND CONVERSATIONS TO THE FBI. AS A CUTOFF DATE, IN ORDER TO BEGIN THIS PROJECT, IT WAS AGREED THAT IF WE WERE GOING TO COMPLY, WE WOULD USE THE DATE 10-31-73 AS THE CUTOFF DATE AND THE INFORMATION WOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE USA'S OFFICE IN EARLY NOVEMBER. AT A SUBSEQUENT TIME WE WOULD CONDUCT A SIMILAR REVIEW FOR THE REMAINING MONTHS UNTIL THE TIME OF THE TRIAL. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO THE USA THAT THE SUMMARIES WOULD NECESSARILY ON OCCASION, BECAUSE OF CONTENTS, BY DEDUCTION IDENTIFY THE INFORMANT. IN HIS VIEW HOWEVER IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE JUDGE'S DIRECTIVE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE A REVIEW OF ALL MATERIALS IN THE FILES.

IN THIS CONNECTION, IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT TO MR. CLAYTON AND MR. HURD THAT IN SOME INSTANCES WE HAVE MADE

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FIRM COMMITMENTS TO INFORMANTS THAT THEIR IDENTITIES WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE THE FBI AND WE ARE OBLIGATED TO HONOR THAT COMMITMENT. THEREFORE, IF THE SITUATION WAS ENCOUNTERED WHEREIN THE USA OR THE JUDGE INSISTED ON SEEING THE DOCUMENTS THAT CONTAIN SUCH AN INFORMANT'S NAME IT COULD POSE A SERIOUS POLICY CONSIDERATION.

MR. CLAYTON HAS ADVISED THAT JUDGE NICHOL COULD CALL FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED INFORMANT FILES FOR IN CAMERA INSPECTION BUT THAT HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT BY THE REVIEW OF THE SUMMARIES BY THE USA, THE JUDGE WOULD NOT FEEL SUCH ACTION WAS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME. JUDGE NICHOL MUST BE SATISFIED THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN OUR FILES FROM INFORMANTS OR SOURCES OF AN EXCULPATORY NATURE OR OF MATERIAL THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE BENEFICIAL TO THE DEFENSE IN THESE CASES. USA HAS STATED THAT IN HIS VIEW IT WOULD NOT SATISFY THE COURT FOR THE FBI TO FURNISH AN AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING TO THIS REVIEW BY FBI PERSONNEL.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUEST OF MR. CLAYTON THE BUREAU (IF AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT FEELS WE SHOULD COMPLY WITH THIS REQUEST) PROCEED AS FOLLOWS: SHOULD SEND A NITEL TO ALL OFFICES EXCEPT ANCHORAGE, SAN JUAN, AND HONOLULU,  
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WHICH WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. IN ANY INSTANCE WHERE AN INFORMANT OR SOURCE HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION TO THE OFFICE WHERE THE INFORMATION CONCERNS MILITANT ACTIVITIES OR PLANS OF AIM PERSONNEL THAT CULMINATED IN THE TAKEOVER OF WOUNDED KNEE, AN EXTENSIVE SUMMARY OF THAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED IN AN LHM BY COVER AIRTEL TO MINNEAPOLIS, ATTENTION: SA TRENWITH S. BASFORD. SEPARATE LHM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH INFORMANT OR SOURCE. THE SUMMARY SHOULD CONTAIN BUT NOT BE RESTRICTED TO DATES AND PLACES THE INFORMANT ACQUIRED THE INFORMATION, THE DATE IT WAS FURNISHED TO THE AGENT, THE PLACE AND ACTIVITY REFERRED TO BY THE INFORMANT AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO ENABLE THE PERSON READING THE SUMMARY TO RELATE THE FACTS IN THE SUMMARY TO THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE TAKE OVER. A TEMPORARY SYMBOL NUMBER SUCH AS T - 1 CAN BE ASSIGNED AND USED IN THE SUMMARY, IF THE INFORMANT'S REPORT CONTAINS INFORMATION WHERE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD IDENTIFY THE INFORMANT THAT DATA SHOULD BE CLEARLY STATED IN THE LHM.

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2. THIS SHOULD BE DONE FOR THE PERIOD 1-1-73 TO 10-31-73.

3. IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY SPELLED OUT TO THE OFFICES

THAT A BRIEF SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE  
INFORMANTS IS NOT ADEQUATE BUT THAT EXTENSIVE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION  
FURNISHED BY AN INFORMANT OR SOURCE RELATIVE TO THE MILITANT  
ACTIVITY OR PLANS OF AIM PERSONNEL THAT CULMINATED IN THE TAKEOVER  
AT WOUNDED KNEE.

4. ALL REPLIES FROM FIELD OFFICES SHOULD REACH  
THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE NOT LATER THAN 11-6-73.

5. NEGATIVE REPLIES ARE NOT DESIRED.

ADMINISTRATIVE: IF THE USA'S REQUEST IS PROPER, IT APPEARS THAT  
WE HAVE NO REALISTIC ALTERNATIVE BUT TO COMPLY. WE HAVE OF COURSE  
A STRONG OBLIGATION TO OUR INFORMANTS TO PROTECT THEIR IDENTITIES  
AND IF WE ARE FACED WITH A SITUATION WHEREIN WE ARE ORDERED TO  
PRODUCE SOMETHING THAT COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO RESULT IN  
THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT, WE WILL FIRST ADVISE FBI HEADQUARTERS  
AND TAKE NO ACTION TO COMPLY PENDING ADVICE FROM FBI HEADQUARTERS.

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## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : SAC MINNEAPOLIS [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/30/73

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

## Dates of Contact

10/10/73 and 10/19/73

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

70-6882	(RUSSELL MEANS)	157-1929	[REDACTED]
157-1683	(PEDRO BISSONETTE)	157-2876	(LLOYD CHARGING THUNDER)
157-1469	(RAPID CITY AIM CHAPTER)	157-2926	[REDACTED]
157-1509	[REDACTED]	157-3153	[REDACTED]
157-1766	[REDACTED]	157-3206	[REDACTED]
157-1906	[REDACTED]	157-3208	[REDACTED]

## Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

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(JOSETTE WAHWASSUCK)

☐ POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN (Ghetto only)

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? No.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

## Coverage

The same.

## PERSONAL DATA

1-Each file listed above.

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(SALLY EMILA HAT)



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Source advised on 10/19/73, that RUSSELL MEANS is due back in Rapid City tonight in order that he may attend PEDRO BISSONETTE's funeral. He also made available to the FBI copies of papers taken from RUSSELL MEANS' belongings located at 807 Fairview Street, Rapid City, South Dakota, which are being maintained in Minneapolis file [REDACTED] These pages are listed as follows:

1. A fact sheet showing that the United States is engaged in a conspiracy against the sovereign race of the land.
2. First Interim Manderson Report dated 8/19/73.
3. Status report of AIM cases dated 8/19/73.
4. Manderson Team Daily Report dated 8/20/73.
5. Chart showing future goals and activities of National AIM.

[REDACTED]

157-1683

Source advised that AIM members are all fired up over the shooting death of PEDRO BISSONETTE and that the Rapid City AIM Chapter made telephone calls to all the AIM Chapters in the United States requesting that they send caravans to Rapid City and Pine Ridge, South Dakota, in order that they may show that AIM is still united and is willing to keep up the fight against the injustices committed against the Indian people, by the United States Government.

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Source advised that on 10/18/73, he overheard a conversation at the Rapid City AIM Chapter that an unidentified Indian male was talking that he was going to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, to kill DICK WILSON in retaliation of the shooting of PEDRO BISSONETTE. Source believes that this unidentified Indian is related to POOR THUNDER and is in possession of a .33 caliber revolver. Source described this unidentified Indian male as follows:

Race:	Indian (half-breed)
Sex:	Male
Height:	6'1"
Weight:	190 pounds
Age:	Mid-20's
Complexion:	Medium
Build:	Stocky
Hair:	Shoulder length
Characteristics:	Using crutches, Vietnam War Veteran

SA FRED G. ROBINETTE, III, telephonically notified SA [REDACTED] on 10/19/73, at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, who, in turn, notified appropriate officials at Pine Ridge of the attempted threat on DICK WILSON's life.

157-1805

Source advised that [REDACTED] is an active AIM member, but could not provide further information as to her activities at present or her whereabouts.

157-1872

Source advised that [REDACTED] is an active member of AIM, but could not provide any further information as to her whereabouts or present activities.

[REDACTED]

157-2147

Source advised that [REDACTED] is an active AIM member, but could not provide further information as to her whereabouts or present activities.

157-2148

Source advised that [REDACTED] is an active AIM member, but could not provide further information as to his whereabouts or present activities.

157-2965

Source advised that [REDACTED] is an active AIM member, but could not provide further information as to her whereabouts or present activities.

157-3080

Source advised that [REDACTED] is an active AIM member, but could not provide further information as to his whereabouts or present activities.

157-3114

Source advised that [REDACTED] is an active AIM member, but could not provide further information as to his whereabouts or present activities.

It is noted that the names of all individuals and each respective file is not mentioned within the summary of this FD 209, but were discussed with the source during the interview and source did not have any information concerning these individuals at this time.



United States of America,

Plaintiff

70-5063

vs.

Russell Means,

Defendant

(18 U.S.C. §§ 111 & 112)

Assistant Federal Officer

The Grand Jury Charges:

Count 1

on or about the 11th day of March, 1971, near Bonnet Lake, in the District of South Dakota, Russell Means unlawfully, knowingly and unlawfully and by means and use of a dangerous and deadly weapon, that is a gun, did unlawfully assault and wound Curtis Fitzgerald, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, while said officer was engaged in the performance and on the account of the performance of his official duties at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in the District of South Dakota, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 111 and 112.

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Date: 10/30/73

Transmit the following in PLAIN  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE U R G E N T  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI - *RTH*  
ATTENTION: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL  
AND GENERAL CRIMES UNIT

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882) (P)

RUSSELL MEANS, CIR - ARL; IFO - CONSPIRACY; ET AL

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 CONNECTION WITH TRIAL OF RUSSELL MEANS AND OTHER AIM  
 LEADERS.

USA WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA,  
 HAS ADVISED THAT IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE COURT ORDER  
 HE WILL NEED ~~DETAILED~~ <sup>extensive</sup> SUMMARIES OF ALL INFORMANT INFORMATION  
 WHERE THE INFORMATION CONCERNS ~~THE TAKEOVER AT WOUNDED KNEE~~ <sup>militant activity of or plans</sup>  
~~personnel associated with the AIM~~ <sup>of AIM personnel that</sup>  
~~culminated in the takeover of~~ <sup>Wounded Knee.</sup>

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(7)Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in ChargeSent 8:23P M Per *[Signature]*

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*and such that a mere reading of the information would render the informant's identity known to the defense.*

~~FOR SUMMARY PURPOSES A TEMPORARY SYMBOL NUMBER CAN~~  
~~BE USED IN THE SUMMARY, WHERE THE INFORMANTS' REPORTS~~  
~~CONTAIN INFORMATION WHERE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD~~

~~IDENTIFY THE INFORMANT, IF THE COURT ORDERED THE INFORMATION~~

~~BE DISCLOSED TO THE DEFENSE, THAT SHOULD BE SET OUT IN~~

~~A SEPARATE COMMUNICATION THAT CAN BE FURNISHED TO THE USA~~

~~THEREBY ALERTING HIM TO THE FACT THAT IF THE COURT ORDERED~~

~~THE DISCLOSURE OF THIS INFORMATION TO THE DEFENSE THAT~~

~~THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT WOULD BE DISCLOSED.~~

*Between now and*

~~PENDING THE TIME OF THE TRIAL, INFORMATION IN THE~~

~~SUMMARIES, OR FROM THE INFORMANT FILES IF THE COURT REQUESTED~~

~~THAT THE USA REVIEW THE INFORMANT FILES, WILL BE DISCLOSED~~

~~ONLY TO THE JUDGE OF THE USDC. THE COURT CAN OF COURSE~~  
~~DISCLOSE FOR DETAILED ASSISTANCE TO THE DEFENSE ORDER~~

~~THE DISCLOSURE OF THIS INFORMATION TO THE DEFENSE. MR.~~

~~CLAYTON'S REQUEST AND THAT OF HIS ASSISTANT, AUSA RICHARD~~

~~D. HURD IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING WITH 1/1/73 AND CONTINUING~~

~~THROUGH THE TIME OF THE TRIALS (RUSSELL MEANS AND DENNIS~~

~~BANKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE TRIED IN ST. PAUL IN EARLY 1/74)~~

~~THE WOULD REVIEW THE SUMMARIES SHOWING CONTACT WITH ANY~~

~~FBI INFORMANT OR SOURCE WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATIVE~~

~~TO THE TAKEOVER OF WOUNDED KNEE. THIS WOULD INCLUDE~~

*The militant activity in place of  
the person that has been mentioned in*



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INFORMANTS AND SOURCES WHO CAME TO WOUNDED KNEE FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND WHO REPORTED THE RESULTS OF THEIR OBSERVATIONS AND CONVERSATIONS TO THE FBI. AS A CUTOFF DATE, IN ORDER TO BEGIN THIS PROJECT, IT WAS AGREED THAT IF WE WERE GOING TO COMPLY, WE WOULD USE THE DATE 10/31/73 AS THE CUTOFF DATE AND THE INFORMATION WOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE USA'S OFFICE IN EARLY NOVEMBER. AT A SUBSEQUENT TIME WE WOULD CONDUCT A SIMILAR REVIEW FOR THE REMAINING MONTHS UNTIL THE TIME OF THE TRIAL. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO THE USA THAT THE SUMMARIES WOULD NECESSARILY ON OCCASION, BECAUSE OF CONTENTS, BY DEDUCTION IDENTIFY THE INFORMANT. IN HIS VIEW HOWEVER IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE JUDGE'S DIRECTIVE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE A REVIEW OF ALL MATERIALS IN THE FILES.

~~AUSA HURD HAS SAID THAT IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO REVIEW DOCUMENTS, AS IN THE CASE OF A NEED TO REVIEW THE ACTUAL FILE THAT SHOWS THE IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS, THAT HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN RECORDING THE IDENTITY OF THOSE PERSONS.~~

IN THIS CONNECTION, IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT TO MR. CLAYTON AND MR HURD THAT IN SOME INSTANCES WE HAVE MADE

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FIRM COMMITMENTS TO INFORMANTS THAT THEIR IDENTITIES WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE THE FBI AND WE ARE OBLIGATED TO HONOR THAT COMMITMENT. THEREFORE, IF THE SITUATION WAS ENCOUNTERED WHEREIN <sup>the USA</sup> ~~MR. HIRD~~ OR THE JUDGE INSISTED ON SEEING THE DOCUMENTS THAT CONTAIN SUCH AN INFORMANT'S NAME IT COULD ~~pose~~ <sup>pose</sup> A SERIOUS ~~PROBLEM~~ <sup>policy consideration</sup>.

MR. CLAYTON HAS ADVISED THAT JUDGE NICHOL COULD CALL FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED INFORMANT FILES FOR IN CAMERA INSPECTION BUT THAT HE WAS HOPEFUL <sup>BY THE USA,</sup> THAT BY THE REVIEW OF THE SUMMARIES, THE JUDGE WOULD NOT FEEL SUCH ACTION WAS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME. JUDGE NICHOL MUST BE SATISFIED THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN OUR FILES FROM INFORMANTS OR SOURCES OF AN EXCULPATORY NATURE OR OF MATERIAL THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE BENEFICIAL TO THE DEFENSE IN THESE CASES. IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUEST OF MR. CLAYTON THE BUREAU <sup>should</sup> ~~IS REQUESTED TO~~ SEND A NITEL TO ALL OFFICES EXCEPT ANCHORAGE, SAN JUAN, AND HONOLULU,

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*USA has stated that in this view it would not be for the Court for the FBI to furnish an affidavit to this review by F B I personnel.*

*If the judge requires the files the USA should attempt to obtain the information to delete the information directly from the file before presentation to the court.*

*after consultation with the Department feels we should proceed in this request as follows: Corroborate with*

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*where the information  
concerns militant activities or  
Plans of OSM personnel that  
culminated in the takeover of  
Wounded Knee*

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WHICH WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING POINTS: 1. IN ANY  
INSTANCE WHERE AN INFORMANT OR SOURCE HAS FURNISHED  
INFORMATION TO THE OFFICE ~~WHERE THE INFORMATION~~ WHICH HAS A BEARING ON THE  
~~TAKEOVER OF WOUNDED KNEE~~ *BY extension* DETAILED SUMMARY OF THAT  
INFORMATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED BY COVER AIRTEL TO  
MINNEAPOLIS, ATTENTION: SA TRENWITH S. BASFORD. THE  
SUMMARY SHOULD CONTAIN BUT NOT BE RESTRICTED TO DATES  
AND PLACES THE INFORMANT ACQUIRED THE INFORMATION, THE  
DATE IT WAS FURNISHED TO THE AGENT, THE PLACE AND ACTIVITY  
REFERRED TO BY THE INFORMANT AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION  
TO ENABLE THE PERSON READING THE SUMMARY TO RELATE THE  
FACTS IN THE SUMMARY TO THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE TAKE  
OVER. A TEMPORARY SYMBOL NUMBER *such as T-1* CAN BE ASSIGNED AND USED  
IN THE SUMMARY, IF THE INFORMANT'S REPORT CONTAINS  
INFORMATION WHERE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD IDENTIFY THE  
INFORMANT ~~IF THE COURT ORDERED THE INFORMATION BE DISCLOSED~~  
~~TO THE DEFENSE~~ THAT DATA SHOULD BE *clearly stated in the LHM.* SET FORTH IN THE  
~~COVER COMMUNICATION THAT CAN BE PRESENTED TO THE USA SO~~

*Separate LHM  
should  
be submitted  
for each  
informant  
or source.*

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~~HE WILL BE ADVISED OF THE PROBLEM AND BE IN A POSITION~~  
~~TO PROTECT THE INFORMANT AND INFORMANT INFORMATION IN~~  
~~THE EVENT THERE IS~~  
~~CONNECTION WITH AN ORDER TO DISCLOSE THE INFORMANT~~  
~~INFORMATION TO A DEFENSE ATTORNEY.~~ 2. THIS SHOULD BE  
 DONE FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/73 TO 10/31/73.

3. IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY SPELLED OUT TO THE OFFICES  
 THAT A BRIEF SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE  
 INFORMANTS IS NOT ADEQUATE BUT THAT <sup>extensive summary</sup> ~~ALL INFORMATION~~  
<sup>of information</sup> FURNISHED BY AN INFORMANT OR SOURCE RELATIVE TO THE  
<sup>^</sup> ~~militant activities of or plans of CIA personnel that culminated~~  
~~TAKEOVER AT WOUNDED KNEE MUST BE SENT TO MINNEAPOLIS.~~  
<sup>in the takeover at Wounded Knee.</sup>

4. ALL REPLIES FROM FIELD OFFICES SHOULD REACH  
 THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE NOT LATER THAN 11/6/73.

5. NEGATIVE REPLIES ARE NOT DESIRED.

ADMINISTRATIVE: <sup>If the USAs request is proper,</sup>  
 IT APPEARS THAT WE HAVE NO REALISTIC  
 ALTERNATIVE BUT TO COMPLY ~~WITH THE COURT ORDER.~~ WE HAVE  
 OF COURSE A STRONG OBLIGATION TO OUR INFORMANTS TO PROTECT

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THEIR IDENTITIES AND IF WE ARE FACED WITH A SITUATION  
WHEREIN WE ARE ORDERED TO PRODUCE SOMETHING THAT COULD  
REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO RESULT IN THE IDENTITY OF  
THE INFORMANT, WE WILL FIRST ADVISE FBI HEADQUARTERS  
*and take no action to comply with pending*  
~~IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH~~ ADVICE FROM FBI HEADQUARTERS.

END.

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[redacted] South Dakota, advised that she is a member of the American Indian Movement (AIM) Chapter on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. She is sympathetic to what AIM is attempting to do but does not believe in their militant activities.

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She advised that she did go to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, during the Wounded Knee incident; however, she declined to furnish any further information regarding her attendance there. She stated that she did nothing that was important and has other more important things to think about in trying to get things done on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

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Interviewed on 9/25/73 at [redacted] South Dakota File # TP 70-6882-617

by SA [redacted] dea Date dictated 10/1/73



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# AIM Leaders' Trial Set Here

— SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A U.S. District Court judge ruled Thursday that the trial of two American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders charged in connection with the occupation of Wounded Knee will begin Jan. 8 in U.S. District Court in St. Paul.

Ruling that there was such prejudice in South Dakota as to make it impossible for the AIM leadership to receive fair trials here, Judge Fred Nichol granted the defense motion for a change of venue to Minnesota.

His order sets the place of trial for six of the AIM leaders, but the date was set only for the consolidated trial of Russell Means and Dennis Banks. The order does not affect the question of venue for the other AIM members who have been indicted in connection with the takeover of the reservation village last spring.

Trial dates will be set later for Carter Camp, Clyde Bellecourt, Leonard Crow Dog and Stanley Holder.

Nichol denied a motion by AIM attorneys to dis-

miss the indictments against the six AIM leaders because the method used to select the grand jury which returned the true bills systematically excluded Indians.

Judge Nichol also denied a government motion to have the jurisdictional question of the Treaty of 1868, decided before the trial begins.

At the hearing, Kenneth Tilson and Joseph Beller, attorneys for the defendants, argued that newspaper articles and public opinion polls entered as exhibits showed that substantial prejudice against AIM leaders existed in the state.

The government resisted the change of venue motion, arguing a poll conducted by the U.S. attorney's office showed the defendants could get a fair trial in South Dakota. David Gienapp, assistant U.S. attorney, argued that polls presented by the defense attorney showed that in some places outside the state there was more prejudice against the government than there was against AIM in South Dakota.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

39 St. Paul Pioneer  
— Press  
St. Paul, Minn.

Date: Oct. 26, 1973  
Edition: Morning  
Author:  
Editor: Donald J. O'Grady  
Title: AIM

Character:  
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Classification: 157-1458  
Submitting Office: Minneapolis

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all 70 files for above  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: INTD

MINNEAPOLIS ATTENTION: RAPID CITY COMMAND POST

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY (157-NEW) P 2P

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) DISTURBANCE AT NATIONAL  
CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS CONVENTION, TULSA,  
OKLAHOMA 10/31/73 EM - AIM OO: OKLAHOMA CITY

ON 10/31/73



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CAMELOT INN, TULSA, OKLAHOMA, ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY  
9:30 AM, 10/31/73, AT THE MEETING OF NATIONAL CONGRESS  
OF AMERICAN INDIANS (NCAI) CONVENTION BEING HELD AT  
CAMELOT INN, THERE WAS DISTURBANCE WHEN MEMBERS OF  
AIM TOOK OVER PODIUM FROM NCAI MEMBERS.

AIM MEMBERS WERE PROTESTING THE HANDLING OF CHEROKEE  
TRIBAL MATTERS BY W. W. KEELER, PRINCIPAL CHIEF OF THE  
CHEROKEE NATION.

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AIM MEMBERS MAINTAINED CONTROL OF THE PODIUM FOR APPROXIMATE THREE HOURS AND AMONG THOSE TAKING OVER PODIUM, [REDACTED] BELIEVES, WERE DENNIS BANKS, RUSSELL MEANS, AND OTHER UNKNOWN AIM MEMBERS FROM THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

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THERE WAS NO VIOLENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INCIDENT AND NCAI DELEGATES ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] SEEMED TO JUST LET THE AIM PEOPLE HAVE THEIR OWN WAY.

[REDACTED] DOES NOT DISCOUNT OTHER POSSIBLE INCIDENTS AT CONVENTION IF MEMBERS OF AIM CONTINUE TO DISRUPT BUSINESS MEETINGS OF NCAI, AND SUSPECTS NCAI CONVENTION WILL REMAIN IN SESSION AT LEAST ONE MORE DAY BECAUSE OF AIM INTERRUPTIONS. THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF ABOVE. LT. [REDACTED] TULSA PD; FRANK THURMAN, CHIEF DEPUTY, TULSA CO., SO; AUSA BENJAMIN F. BAKER, NDO; AND [REDACTED] US SECRET SERVICE, TULSA, OKLA.

ADMINISTRATIVE

OKLAHOMA CITY AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA. WILL THROUGH SOURCES, ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO TOOK OVER PODIUM AT NCAI CONVENTION 10/31/73.

BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

AMCC TO DNEVER.

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HOLD HAVE ONE FOR YOU

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392 Federal Building U. S. Court House  
110 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

November 6, 1973

Honorable William F. Clayton  
United States Attorney  
Federal Building  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57101

Dear Sir:

RE: RUSSELL MEANS  
CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION-  
BURGLARY AND LARCENY;  
ANTI-RIOT LAWS; ASSAULTING  
A FEDERAL OFFICER, ETC.

I am enclosing, for your information, a copy of a letter from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, dated November 2, 1973. This letter concerns the preparation of summaries regarding informant information.

Very truly yours,

*X*  
JOSEPH H. TRUMBACH  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO DIRECTOR

MINNEAPOLIS

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (RAPID CITY COMMAND POS) (157-1458)

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT, EM - AIM.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU 10/23/73.

FOLLOWING INTERMENT OF PEDRO BISSONNETTE'S BODY, LATE AFTERNOON 10/23/73, CROWD IN ATTENDANCE AT FUNERAL DISPERSED AND LEFT PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION WITHOUT INCIDENT. NO INCIDENTS OR CONFRONTATIONS OCCURED DURING THE EVENING OF AND THROUGH THE NIGHT OF 10/23/73.

ON 10/24/73,

PINE

RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED THAT A COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE MAN WHO WAS AT THE BISSONNETTE HOME CAME OUT AFTER THE FUNERAL AND TOLD HIM THAT ABOUT 75 PEOPLE ARE REMAINING AT THE BISSONNETTE HOME AND THAT THEY ARE ARMED.

ADVISED THAT DURING THE NIGHT OF 10/23/73, HIS DEPARTMENT DETERMINED THERE WERE ABOUT EIGHT MEN GAURDING A BUNKER AT THE BISSONNETTE HOME WHICH WAS COVERED WITH A TENT.

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HAS NO IDEA OF THE CONTENTS OF THE BUNKER OR TENT. [REDACTED] CONTINUED THAT ABOUT 7:30 AM, 10/24/73, A ROADBLOCK WAS SET UP IN FRONT OF THE BISSONNETTE HOME, USING A TRUCK TO BLOCK THE ENTRANCE. [REDACTED] STATED THERE WERE NO TRIBAL WARRANTS ISSUED AGAINST AIM LEADERS, EXCEPT A PREVIOUSLY OUTSTANDING WARRANT FOR DENNIS BANKS AND A TRIBAL WARRANT FOR MARK LANE FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE AUTOMOBILE, BELIEVED TO BE USED IN THE SHOOTING INCIDENT OF TWO BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) OFFICERS ON 10/21/73, IS STILL AT THE BISSONNETTE HOME, HOWEVER, THE VEHICLE HAD BEEN MOVED INTO A CREEK ABOUT 100-150 YARDS FROM THE HOME.

ON 10/23/73, INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATES THAT RAMON ROUBIDEAUX, AIM ATTORNEY, CLYDE BELLECOURT, AND DENNIS BANKS ARE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE METHODIST CHURCH CONFERENCE BEING HELD AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, ON 10/25-26/73. THE PURPOSE IS TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT. THE ABOVE THEN ARE TO TRAVEL TO TULSA, OKLAHOMA, TO ATTEND

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AN UNDESCRIBED MEETING AND THEN TO RETURN 10/29/73, TO RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, TO ATTEND A COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE MEETING BEING HELD BY COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE PERSONNEL.

CHANGE OF VENUE ARGUMENTS REGARDING THE DENNIS BANKS RUSSELL MEANS TRIAL WILL BE HEARD IN USDC, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, 10/25/73.

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# Banks, Means trial changed to St. Paul; prejudice cited

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The consolidated trial of two American Indian Movement leaders charged in connection with the occupation of Wounded Knee is scheduled to begin Jan. 8 in U.S. District Court in St. Paul.

The ruling came at a hearing yesterday in which U.S. District Judge Fred Nichol ruled that there was such prejudice in South Dakota as to make it impossible for the AIM leadership to receive fair trials here.

Nichol's order sets the date of trial for AIM leaders Dennis Banks and Russell Means. The date of trials for four others indicted in the takeover last spring will be set later.

Nichol denied a motion by AIM attorneys to dismiss the indictments against the six leaders. Defense attorneys argued that the method used to select the grand jury which returned the indictments systematically excluded Indians.

The judge also denied a government motion to have the jurisdictional question of the treaty of 1868 decided before commencement of the trials.

The other four men who will be tried in St. Paul are Carter Camp, Clyde Bellecourt, Leonard Crow Dog and Stanley Holder.

A seventh AIM leader, Pedro Bissonette, was shot and killed last week on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

6A Minneapolis Star  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Date: Oct. 26, 1973  
Edition: Evening  
Author:  
Editor: Robert C. King  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL  
AND GENERAL CRIMES UNIT)  
*and Rapid City Command Post — RAS*

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882) (P)

RUSSELL MEANS, CIR - ARL; IFO - CONSPIRACY; ET AL.

RE MINNEAPOLIS FACSIMILE-NITEL TO BUREAU, 10/18/73.

REFERENCED COMMUNICATION REPORTED THE REQUEST OF USA  
WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR LOGS OF RADIO  
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS. A TYPED TRANS-  
SCRIPT OF THOSE LOGS HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO HIS OFFICE.

AUSA R. D. HURD HAS ADVISED THAT ~~on 10/25/73~~ U. S. DISTRICT  
COURT JUDGE FRED J. NICHOL, PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER, A COPY OF  
WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU BY MINNEAPOLIS AIRTEL OF  
10/25/73, HAD REQUESTED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE TYPED COPY OF

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THE RADIO LOG, THAT ANY RECORDINGS OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT BUNKERS, HEADQUARTERS, ETC., BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COURT AND THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS.

AT ABOUT THE TIME OF THE TAKEOVER OF WOUNDED KNEE ON 2/27/73, THE MAKING OF TAPE RECORDINGS WAS INSTITUTED AT THE COMMAND POST. THIS WAS CONSIDERED TO BE AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, AND THE RECORDINGS WERE MADE TO ASSIST US IN FIXING RESPONSIBILITY. THE RECORDINGS INITIALLY WERE MADE ON CASSETTES THAT WOULD RUN FOR APPROXIMATELY  $\frac{1}{2}$  HOUR ON EACH OF TWO SIDES OF TAPE. THERE WERE MECHANICAL FAILURES IN THE OPERATION OF THE RECORDING DEVICE, AND ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION, NO CASSETTES WERE AVAILABLE FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD OF TIME. RECORDINGS WERE MADE IN THIS MANNER FOR ABOUT 2 OR 3 WEEKS, AND THEREAFTER, THE RECORDINGS WERE CONTINUED AT THE RADIO RECEPTION POINT (BIRDS EYE), WHICH IN TURN RELAYED RADIO MESSAGES TO THE COMMAND POST. THE RECORDINGS WERE MADE AT

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BIRDS EYE UNTIL ABOUT 5/8/73. THESE LATTER RECORDINGS WERE ON 5 INCH REELS AND NOT ON CASSETTES. FROM INCEPTION, THE RECORDINGS WERE ON A CONTINUOUS 24-HOUR BASIS, AND THERE WERE, DURING THAT TIME, PERIODS OF MALFUNCTION WHEN NO RECORDINGS WERE MADE.

THERE IS NOTHING IN THE RECORDINGS THAT ARE KNOWN TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE FBI; HOWEVER, THERE WOULD BE EXTRANEOUS MATERIALS ON OCCASION IN THE RECORDINGS, AND THERE MAY BE AMBIGUOUS STATEMENTS OF POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT PORTIONS MIGHT COMPROMISE INFORMANTS OR OTHER SOURCES.

IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THE MONITORING, ESPECIALLY DURING THE EARLIER PORTION, WOULD RECORD NEARBY ROOM CONVERSATIONS AS WELL AS RADIO TRANSMISSIONS. THERE WAS ROTATION OF PERSONNEL AT WOUNDED KNEE, AND SOME OF THEM MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN THERE WAS MONITORING OF THE RADIO AND THAT THEIR CONVERSATIONS MIGHT BE

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RECORDED. IT IS, THEREFORE, NOT CONSIDERED DESIRABLE TO FURNISH THE TAPES FOR DEFENSE REVIEWAL WITHOUT ITS FIRST BEING EXAMINED BY BUREAU PERSONNEL.

AUSA HURD HAS STATED THAT IF MATERIALS ARE FOUND THEREIN THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO PROTECT DEFENDANTS' RIGHTS, BUT WHICH MAY BE EMBARRASSING TO THE BUREAU, THAT HE WOULD REQUEST JUDGE NICHOL TO REVIEW THOSE PORTIONS IN CAMERA, AND IF POSSIBLE, DELETE THAT PORTION OR OTHERWISE PREVENT ITS BEING FURNISHED TO THE DEFENSE.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT RECORDINGS WERE MADE FOR ABOUT <sup>70 full days</sup> 1680 HOURS, OR THE EQUIVALENT OF 210 WORK DAYS. IT WOULD REQUIRE 50 AGENTS, PROBABLY ON THE BASIS OF A 10 TO 12 HOUR DAY, ABOUT 4 DAYS TO REVIEW THE TAPES. MINNEAPOLIS WOULD NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL, AND WOULD BE COMPELLED TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER DIVISIONS. ADDITIONAL RECORDERS THAT WOULD PLAY BACK BOTH THE CASSETTES AND THE 5 INCH REELS WOULD HAVE TO BE BROUGHT FROM THE OTHER DIVISIONS.

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IF THE TAPES ARE GIVEN TO THE DEFENSE, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO HAVE BUREAU PERSONNEL PRESENT AT ALL TIMES THAT THE DEFENSE HAS ACCESS TO THE TAPES. THIS WOULD TAKE AT LEAST AS MUCH, AND PROBABLY MORE, TOTAL TIME THAN THE ORIGINAL REVIEW. IF THE DEFENSE OBTAINS THE TAPES, IT MIGHT GIVE THEM A BASIS FOR REQUESTING A CONTINUANCE OF DATE OF TRIAL BECAUSE OF THE TIME NEEDED FOR THE REVIEW.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL ADVISE IF THEY HAVE ANY PRECEDENT OR SUGGESTIONS THAT WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE TO US IN DISCUSSING THIS WITH THE USA, SIOUX FALLS. SAC IS PERSONALLY CONFERRING WITH USA AND DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AT SIOUX FALLS, S.D., ON 11/8/73 AND WILL TRY TO HAVE THIS REQUEST MODIFIED. IT IS BELIEVED AT MINNEAPOLIS THAT THE FURNISHING OF THE TYPED RECORD OF THE RADIO LOG IS SUFFICIENT, AND THAT THE FURNISHING OF THE TAPED RECORDINGS MAY GO BEYOND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURT ORDER. THERE HAS BEEN NO SHOWING THAT THERE IS ANY INFORMATION ON THE TAPES THAT COULD BE OF VALUE TO THE DEFENSE AND THE TAPES CONTAIN NO CONVERSATIONS WITH DEFENDANTS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND  
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FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6832) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL MEANS  
CIR - ARL;  
IFO - CONSPIRACY;  
ET AL

Re Minneapolis facsimile-nitel to the Bureau,  
10/18/73.

Enclosed for information of the Bureau are two (2) copies of a self-explanatory letter, dated November 1, 1973, directed to the U. S. Attorney, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

This letter reports the responses of Special Agents in Charge JOSEPH H. TRIMBACH, ROY K. MOORE, RICHARD G. HELD, and Special Agent THOMAS DUFFIN, presently assigned to New York, New York, concerning the monitoring of radio communications from within Wounded Knee.

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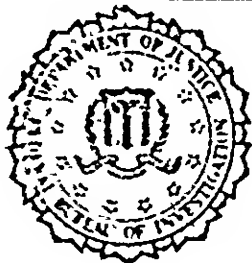
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

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AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

A confidential source of information advised on September 6, 1973, that Russell Means, Ted Means, and their brother, Bill Means, attempted to recruit individuals in the area of Bismark, North Dakota, during the latter part of June, 1973. These brothers, who are prominent national leaders of the American Indian Movement (AIM) intended for these individuals to participate in a demonstration at the Crazy Horse Memorial. They were accompanied by an American Indian male, whose last name is McCloud, first name not known. No great amount of interest was exhibited in the Crazy Horse Memorial project by the American Indians of the Bismark area.

AIM was founded in Minnesota in 1968, dedicated to improving conditions for the American Indian. AIM recently led and participated in confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. AIM led the takeover and occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in February-May, 1973.

Ted Means was continually accompanied by and supported by three American Indian females named Lorrelli (last name unknown), [redacted] It is believed these girls are also very [redacted] Clyde Bellecourt, also a prominent national leader of AIM. [redacted] are thought to be members of the Sioux Indian Tribe.

A large gathering of AIM supporters and members occurred at Lake Deer, Montana, for Pow Wow during the period July 5-8, 1973.

A group of Canadian Indians were present at a Pow Wow held at Kenora, Ontario, Canada, during the period August 2-5, 1973. This group was of a type similar to AIM, however, the

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individuals appeared to be of a generally "lower caliber" than their American counterparts. These individuals and the Indian citizens appear to be very seriously addicted to alcohol and act accordingly. There appeared to be no great degree of interest in the group on the part of the general Indian population.

A meeting was held on the property of Fool's Crow, an Indian supporter of AIM, on the Rosebud Indian Reservation, South Dakota, during mid-July, 1973. This meeting was referred to as the "government meeting" and was attended by many members of the higher echelon of AIM, including the Means brothers.

A permanent camp has now been built on the property of Leonard Crow Dog on or near the Rosebud Reservation. There can be any number of persons at this camp at any given time, including men, women, and children.

A second confidential source advised on September 18, 1973, that an All Indian Rodeo and Pow Wow was held at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, California, during the period September 14-16, 1973. Present at this event were numerous Indian dancers and rodeo participants from the Western and Northwestern United States. This event was promoted in an effort to explore the potential for an all Indian touring rodeo to eventually appear throughout Japan.

Present at the event were Bill and Ted Means. It was observed that Ted Means was consuming large amounts of alcoholic beverages during this period. The Means engaged in no particular activity relating to AIM during the event.

a supporter of AIM, was observed at this event.

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There was considerable talk during the event in San Francisco of a celebration to be held at White Swan, Washington, during the period September 21-23, 1973. This celebration was to be sponsored by the Indians of the Yakima Tribe. One of the celebration days was to be designated National Indian Day. It was expected that Indians from the Northwestern United States and Canada would attend. It was anticipated that Bill and Ted Means would attend the celebration in White Swan.



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in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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818PM URGENT 10-18-73 JJS

TO DIRECTOR

ALBUQUERQUE

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FROM LOS ANGELES (157-8224) 3P

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT - EM - AIM.

SOURCES ONE AND TWO, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED THAT  
BECAUSE OF SHOOTING OF PEDRO BISSONETTE, AIM ACTIVIST,  
AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA, RUSSELL MEANS IS NOT TRAVELING  
TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AREA AS SCHEDULED. TENTATIVE  
PLAN OF MEANS IS TO LEAVE MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA MORNING  
OCTOBER 18, 1973 EN ROUTE TO RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA. MEANS  
PLANS PRESS CONFERENCE 11:00 AM IN RAPID CITY I STANT DATE  
AND THEN PLANS TRAVEL TO PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION TO  
ATTEND FUNERAL OF BISSONETTE SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 22,  
1973. SOURCES INDICATED MEANS PLANS TO ATTEND FUNERAL ACCOMPANIED  
BY CROWDOG, [REDACTED]

PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION. SOURCES INDICATE THAT

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WOUNDED KNEE LEGAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE OFFICE, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, IS SOLICITING MONEY TO SUPPORT "CARAVAN" TO TRANSPORT INDIANS IN AREA OF PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA TO FUNERAL OF BISSONETTE. SOURCE ONE FURTHER ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] UNDER THE DIRECTION OF RUSSELL MEANS AND WOUNDED KNEE LEGAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, IS PLANNING DEMONSTRATION FOR MONDAY OR TUESDAY MORNING, 10/22 OR 10/23/73 IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. EXACT DETAILS OF PLANNED DEMONSTRATION NOT KNOWN TO SOURCE.

SOURCES THREE AND FOUR, BOTH RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED OF TENTATIVE PLANS TO TRANSFER NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) HEADQUARTERS TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AREA WEEKEND OF <sup>10/19-21/73</sup> ~~JQPXQOAGPAXQXUE~~. SOURCES THREE AND FOUR ADVISED MEETING SCHEDULED BETWEEN SEVERAL NATIONAL AIM LEADERS, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, POSSIBLY DENNIS BANKS, RUSSELL MEANS AND GEORGE ROBERTS, NATIONAL PRESS SECRETARY, TO FINALIZE TRANSFER OF AFOREMENTIONED HEADQUARTERS.

SOURCES ONE AND TWO INDICATED WEEKEND OF 10/19-21/73, THERE WILL BE AN INDIAN POW WOW AT SANTA YNEX INDIAN RESERVATION NEAR SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, WHICH IS TO BE ATTENDED BY SEVERAL INDIAN TRIBES IN LOS ANGELES AREA, EXACT NUMBER UNKNOWN.

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SOURCES ONE AND TWO FURTHER ADVISED THAT JOE GESCHICK MENTIONED THAT ALL AIM CHAPTERS ARE ON STANDBY STATUS TO SEND AID (MALE MANPOWER) TO BROTHERS AND SISTERS AT ST. REGIS RESERVATION NEAR CANADIAN BORDER, INASMUCH AS U.S. BORDER POLICE HAD "ATTACKED" SEVERAL PEOPLE AT RESERVATION. AREA WAS CORDONED OFF AND EVERYONE COMING WITHIN THREEE MILES OF AREA WAS SEARCHED AND TURNED BACK IF THEY DID NOT BELONG THERE. ADMINISRATIVE...

REFERENCE LOS ANGELES NITEL TO BUREAU, 10-15-73. ALBUQUERQUE TEL TO BUREAU, 10-18-73, BUREAU TEL TO ALBANY, ET AL, 10-18-73.

SOURCE ONE IS [REDACTED]

SOURCE THREE IS [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES WILL IMMEDIATELY FORWARD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES AS DEVELOPED.

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TO : DIRECTOR

CHICAGO

LOS ANGELES

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(ALL OFFICES VIA WASHINGTON D. C.)

FROM : ALBUQUERQUE (62-1587) 3P

AIM - EM - AIA.

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FOR INFORMATION OF ALL OFFICES, SOURCE DESCRIBED CHICAGO AIM LEADER CURTIS AS MALE INDIAN, 5'9"-5'10", 160 LBS., 24-25, BLACK SHOULDER LENGTH HAIR, BROWN EYES, POSSIBLY A HALF BREED. CURTIS ASSOCIATES WITH ERNIE (LNU), MALE INDIAN, 27-30, 5'10", THIN BUILD, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, 150 LBS.

OTHER ASSOCIATES OF CURTIS ARE LEON (LNU), MALE INDIAN, HEAVY BUILD, STOCKY, 140 LBS., 5'8", BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES AND [REDACTED] WHO IS KNOWN TO CHICAGO DIVISION.

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LOS ANGELES AT SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, WILL CONTACT SOURCES TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS TO BE SOME TYPE OF INCIDENT AT SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA. IF DEVELOPED ADVISE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

CHICAGO AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WITH INFORMATION PROVIDED CONCERNING SUBJECT CURTIS, WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY FURTHER. END.


FOR ANY CORRECTIONS AND/OR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE ALBUQUERQUE FIELD OFFICE. THANKS.

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Date of transcription 4/30/731

[redacted] Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, [redacted] South Dakota, was interviewed at his [redacted] and provided the following information:

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[redacted] viewed a photograph of [redacted] and stated that [redacted] had been a registered guest at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge recently. [redacted] checked his registration records and found that [redacted] had been a guest at Howard Johnson's on April 16, 1973. [redacted] stayed in [redacted] while at Howard Johnson's. [redacted] checked out of Howard Johnson's on April 17, 1973. [redacted] stated he recalls that [redacted] was observed in the company of numerous Indians while staying at Howard Johnson's.

[redacted] viewed photographs of RON PETITE, [redacted] and HERBERT GEORGE POWLESS. [redacted] stated he could identify only the photograph of RON PETITE as being one of the individuals seen with [redacted]

[redacted] stated on April 16, 1973, [redacted] at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge was occupied by [redacted] a white female, who gave an address of [redacted] Colorado. [redacted] was also seen in the company of a number of Indians while staying at the Motor Lodge and [redacted] advised eight or ten Indians spent the night of April 16, 1973, in [redacted] motel room.

[redacted] stated it is normal procedure for him to walk the entire grounds of Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge during the late afternoon and evening hours, between 3:00 and 11:00 PM. [redacted] stated on April 16, 1973, while walking the grounds, he observed RUSSELL MEANS and five or six other Indians entering [redacted] stated he is sure one of the individuals entering [redacted] was RUSSELL MEANS because he had seen numerous photographs of MEANS in the Rapid City newspaper.

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Interviewed on 4/27/73

at

[redacted] South Dakota File # MR-176-207  
MR-176-160by SAS THOMAS E. KELLEHER and[redacted] TPK/ras Date dictated 4/30/73

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392 Federal Building U. S. Court House  
110 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

November 1, 1973

Honorable William F. Clayton  
United States Attorney  
Federal Building  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57101

Dear Sir:

RE: WOUNDED KNEE

On October 11, 1973, you advised that the court had ordered the Government to produce, among other things, reports and transcriptions of communications intercepted from inside Wounded Knee. You requested that if such interceptions did take place that they be furnished to your office.

I personally was in charge of the FBI operation during the Wounded Knee incident from the outset until I was succeeded by Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Roy K. Moore on March 14, 1973. No interceptions of radio communications from inside Wounded Knee took place during the time I was in charge, to the best of my knowledge.

SAC Moore directed FBI operations at Wounded Knee until April 12, 1973. He advised he, himself, has no recollection of any radio communication interceptions from inside Wounded Knee during the period of time that he was present in the area.

SAC Richard G. Held succeeded Mr. Moore and was in charge of the FBI activity in the area until May 11, 1973. Mr. Held had also been present in the area during

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the period February 28 to March 3, 1973. Mr. Held has no personal knowledge of any communication monitoring or interceptions during the first period. Mr. Held advised that during the period of time that he was in charge of the FBI operation at Wounded Knee, he did learn of an interception on a citizen's band radio receiver by an unknown local rancher. Mr. Held determined radios had been furnished to militant Indians at Wounded Knee by the Government to maintain contact with them through the United States Marshal Service to facilitate negotiations.

Mr. Held stated that in the interest of the personal safety of Government personnel on duty in the Wounded Knee area he approved the monitoring of radio traffic from Wounded Knee. This was done in order to be alerted in advance of any proposed offensive action on the part of the militants against Government forces. In most instances, the intercepts were either routine in nature and of no consequence or were unreadable due to poor reception or use of codes. As the aggressive action on the part of the militants subsided, the monitoring was discontinued.

Mr. Held has advised that none of the monitoring conducted on his instructions was transcribed. The sole purpose was to have advance warning of any activity on the part of the militants as they might pose a threat to the physical well being of FBI personnel.

Supervisor Thomas Duffin of New York, who was on duty at Pine Ridge, has advised that the interceptions from Wounded Knee which were made and taped were of little or no value. They were not transcribed and the tapes were erased.

I trust that this will satisfactorily answer your inquiry regarding this particular matter.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH H. TRIMBACH  
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882)

DATE: 11-10-73

FROM : SC [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: *RUSSELL MEANS*

A photograph of subject is maintained in the 1A Section of Minneapolis file [REDACTED]

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THE PHOTOGRAPHS OBTAINED BY [REDACTED] BE DISPLAYED TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WITHOUT APPROVAL OF SAC, WFO OR SAC, MINNEAPOLIS.

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